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## Shooting for authenticity

Discovery of lost WWII wreckage contrasts silver-screen action with real-life consequences

By MICHAEL E. RUANE  
The Washington Post

**T**he first thing the research ship picked up in the darkness below was the trail of wreckage.

A jagged piece here, a hunk of twisted metal there. Clues, perhaps, to the demise of the mighty Japanese ships the R/V Petrel was searching for. Could this be debris from the enemy aircraft carriers as they were battered by American dive bombers?

Later, out of the gloom, a form emerged. The Petrel's underwater robot circled it carefully as experts studied the video feed and realized this was the Imperial Japanese Navy's aircraft carrier Kaga, sunk at the World War II Battle of Midway.

The discovery last month of the long-lost Kaga and another Japanese carrier,

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Nick Jonas performs in a scene from the new motion picture "Midway."

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Bill McNutt

Bill McNutt, right, and Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams.

## 'Real sense of urgency' to award last living WWII Medal of Honor holder a state funeral

By NIKKI WENTLING  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Medal of Honor recipient Robert Maxwell, who threw himself onto an enemy grenade in France to shield fellow soldiers from the blast, died in May, leaving behind only three living Medal of Honor recipients from World War II.

One of them, Francis Curry — who rescued five soldiers pinned down by German fire — died in October.

"And now there are two," said Bill

McNutt.

McNutt, who resides in Dallas, wants President Donald Trump to approve a state funeral for the last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II. He founded an organization, the State Funeral for World War II Veterans, in 2017 and brought on dozens of volunteers to plead that it be done.

With the deaths of Maxwell and Curry, their work is becoming more desperate.

"We are feeling a real sense of urgency," said McNutt, 64. "How sad we will all be

if we can't convince the president to make this designation."

The Medal of Honor was awarded to 473 service members from World War II, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. The two still living are Charles Henry Coolidge, 98, and Hershel "Woody" Williams, who celebrated his 96th birthday last month.

Coolidge led a group of machine-gunners and riflemen in southern France. He was

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## PACIFIC

# In-flight selfies by USMC pilots anger Japanese officials

BY SETH ROBSON  
AND HANA KUSUMOTO  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Japanese Marine Corps aviators' antics — including reading, hair grooming and letting go of aircraft controls while posing for in-flight photos — are detailed in an accident report that sparked outrage among Japanese officials who recently learned of its contents.

The report says a pilot's inexperience conducting nighttime, in-air refueling and toxic leadership contributed to the midair collision of an F/A-18 Hornet and KC-130 air tanker late last year that killed six crew members from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

Investigators determined that Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 suffered from "inadequate oversight of training and operations" and an "unprofessional command climate." Four Marine officers — the unit's commander, its executive officer, its operations officer and its aviation safety officer — were fired as a result.

The report, which said officers engaged in wrongful use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, includes in-flight selfies



U.S. Marine Corps

**An aviator with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242, appears to be reading a book during an in-flight photo included with a report into a midair collision off Japan in December 2018.**

taken by the squadron's aviators while performing antics like grooming facial hair with a switchblade comb and reading "The Great Santini" by Pat Conroy. It also quotes from an online chat group where Marine officers used inappropriate language to describe some of their colleagues.

Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu

Motegi told reporters Tuesday in Tokyo that the Japanese government first received the report on Sept. 26.

"Detailed examination showed that one of the causes of the accident was that rules violations had become normalized in the unit that caused the accident," he said.

Operating U.S. military aircraft safety is the "major premise" for U.S. forces to be stationed in Japan and "there must not be anything that would concern locals," he added.

Iwakuni Mayor Yoshihiko Fukuda, who showed journalists the report during a press conference at his city hall on Tuesday, said he was extremely surprised and felt strong anger about the behavior.

"I hope each and every service member will think again about how much this has made Iwakuni residents uneasy and how much it will damage the trust they have in the U.S. forces," he said at the gathering.

Iwakuni city has repeatedly asked the Marines and the Japanese government to take preventive measures and educate service members about safety, Fukuda said, adding that the pilots' actions were "outrageous."

Iwakuni city officials were given a copy of the report on Oct. 16, he said, but the

Japanese government didn't point out any of the misbehaviors detailed in it.

The report also mentions a 2016 mishap involving the squadron near Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, in which a Hornet's fuel drogue struck and sheared off a portion of a KC-130's fuel hose and drogue. No one was injured in the incident.

Motegi said U.S. military officials told him they are reviewing their programs and manuals because of the report.

Maj. Brian Block, a spokesman for III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa, told Stars and Stripes in an email Thursday that aviation safety is a top priority for the Marine Corps.

"We rely on the professionalism and attention of all Marines to adhere to regulations and policies," he said. "The findings of the investigation reconfirm our need to constantly evaluate risks, identify unsafe conditions, and ensure internal controls are being followed."

"Investigating ourselves when mishaps and other events occur is vital to helping us identify issues that create unsafe conditions," Block added.

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## No injuries after USAF drops fake bomb on Japanese property

BY SETH ROBSON  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — An Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon flying out of Misawa Air Base dropped a 500-pound dummy bomb onto the Japanese countryside late Wednesday, according to the Tohoku Defense Bureau.

The incident happened at 6:37 p.m., and there were no reports of injuries or damages, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

The object — described by Misawa's

35th Fighter Wing as an "inert training device" — landed onto a private, grassy area about 3 miles from Draughton Range, a 1,900-acre complex near Misawa where Air Force and Navy pilots train to defeat enemy air defenses. It's also used by the Japan Air Self-Defense Force. The impact created a deep crater, according to Japanese public broadcaster NHK.

The Tohoku Defense Bureau has urged Misawa's commander to investigate the cause of the incident and implement preventative measures, the spokeswoman

said. It's customary in Japan for some government representatives to not give their names.

The 35th Fighter Wing has "suspended dropping inert objects as part of our training sorties until further notice and we are working with the appropriate parties to recover the device," Staff Sgt. Melanie Bulow-Gonterman, a wing spokeswoman, said in an email Friday. "We are committed to performing our mission in a responsible manner and we will work with the Japanese community to ensure the well-

being of our counterparts."

In January, a plastic part detached from a Misawa-based F-16 during flight and fell to the ground in northern Japan.

There were no injuries or damages. In February 2018, an F-16 from Misawa was forced to drop its fuel tanks into a lake because of an engine fire.

The jet landed safely with no injuries.

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## MILITARY

# NATO sends 1st warfare team to Montenegro

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
Stars and Stripes

NATO is deploying a specialized team to Montenegro to try to thwart hybrid attacks by pro-Russian factions against the small Adriatic nation, which holds its first elections since becoming an alliance member next year, officials said.

The team is expected to arrive in Montenegro in the near future, the defense ministry said in a statement.

The team being dispatched to Montenegro will be the first to be deployed by the alliance, which established specialized counter hybrid support teams last year to help member nations prepare and defend against multipronged, often covert operations.

The announcement of the deployment came days after the U.S. military sent an elite cyber team to the Balkan nation to protect networks and study the tactics of adversaries like Russia. The twin deployments of allied hybrid warfare and cyber specialists illustrate the seriousness with which the U.S. and its NATO allies are taking the threat of Russian meddling in the Balkans, a region U.S. military commanders in Europe have warned could be the Continent's next security flashpoint.

Hybrid warfare uses cyberattacks, the disruption of energy supplies or financial services, disinformation campaigns that seek to undermine public trust in government institutions or deepen social divisions, as well



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**A soldier holds a Montenegrin flag during the closing ceremony of the multinational Agile Spirit 19 exercise at Orpholo Training Area, Georgia, in August. NATO is deploying a team specialized in countering hybrid warfare threats to Montenegro, its newest member state, ahead of elections in the Balkan state next year.**

as conventional tactics, non-state actors and psychological warfare to destabilize an opponent.

Montenegro was targeted by a hybrid attack during its elections in 2016 when officials in Podgorica and other NATO countries say Russian and Serbian operatives launched an abortive bid to try to stop the Montenegrin government and ran disinformation campaigns aimed at influencing the country's elections and prevent it from joining the alliance.

Despite the failed coup, the Balkan country of 620,000 people became the 29th member of

NATO in 2017. In May this year, a Montenegrin court sentenced suspected Russian military intelligence agents, several opposition politicians with ties to Serbia and others to jail over the failed coup.

"Having learned from experience, Montenegro is working on improving its national capabilities to counter contemporary security challenges," said the defense ministry, announcing the looming deployment of the NATO team.

Montenegro is set to hold elections next year — the first since it joined NATO. Ahead of those

elections, the opposition in Montenegro is campaigning on an anti-NATO platform and "receiving support that is not only political" from Serbia and Russia, said Balkan security consultant Zoran Kusovac.

"The coup attempt in 2016 shows that Montenegro is not new to unconventional and hybrid threats," said Kusovac. "So it's no surprise that NATO is taking steps to ensure that the campaign and elections will be democratic and peaceful."

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## Navy in Europe aims to boost renewable power sources

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NAPLES, Italy — The Navy's three biggest bases in Europe are undergoing a multimillion-dollar retrofit to boost energy efficiency and create alternative power sources in case the main grid is disabled by an adversary, natural disaster or storm.

Solar farms are being installed, and central air systems, heating, boilers, lighting and other equipment upgraded or replaced at bases in Naples, Italy; Sigonella, Sicily; and Rota, Spain, under the energy resiliency and savings project, the Navy said.

"If there's a storm that knocks something out, you want to make sure you have those opportunities so the mission can keep going," said Brittany Roark, who's managing the contract for the Navy's public works department in Naples.

Under the project, a 14-acre solar farm that will generate six megawatts of elec-

tricity a year is being built at Rota, and another, which will produce 4.5 megawatts of power annually, will be installed at Sigonella. Six megawatts is enough to power about 900 American homes for a year, according to a formula used by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

A new natural gas pipe in Naples will create a mini-plant that will generate one megawatt of energy yearly and will be used to heat and cool water for the base's central air systems.

Crews will also install 13,000 LEDs in Sigonella and 9,000 in Naples to replace less energy-efficient light bulbs.

"Our installations are focused on increasing energy efficiency, providing renewable and sustainable energy, and promoting energy resiliency," regional command spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Ed Early said in an email. "The energy projects at Naples, Sigonella and Rota clearly demonstrate our commitment to achieve these

goals and enhance shore energy security throughout the region."

The Navy will pay Siemens, the contractor on the project, \$82.5 million after construction work is finished on all three bases, and yearly fees to maintain the equipment or replace parts that break or wear out, Roark said. The cost of the project will be around \$218 million spread over 25 years.

Meters will monitor how effective the equipment upgrades are at reducing power consumption and whether the solar and natural gas systems are producing the agreed-upon amount of electricity, Roark said.

If the results fall short, the Navy will withhold part of Siemens' annual payment, she said.

"Each year they have to prove to us it's still working and that it is still as efficient as they promised it would be," Roark said.

The Pentagon has been pushing for

military bases to improve their power consumption, including by shifting to greater use of renewable energy. Military and congressional leaders have called for installations to make changes that will allow them to better withstand the effects of climate change, such as rising sea levels, wildfires and increasingly frequent severe storms.

Once completed, the installations are expected to bring energy savings of \$6.5 million to the first year, with those savings expected to increase over time.

The project is part of a larger program run by the Energy Department that has been around for decades but has become more popular in recent years, largely because there are no upfront costs, which allows contractors to offer energy-saving equipment and ideas immediately, Roark said.

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## Special tactics airman who fell from aircraft over Gulf of Mexico ID'd

Stars and Stripes

The special tactics airman who fell from an aircraft flying over the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday has been identified by the Air Force.

Staff Sgt. Cole N. Condif, 29, was a special tactics combat controller with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, according to a release issued Saturday. He was assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

The airman fell from a C-130

Tuesday during a planned static-line jump at about 11 a.m. over the Gulf of Mexico, south of Hurlburt Field, according to a news release from the base's 24th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs.



Condif

Recovery efforts are still underway

by a joint team of Air Force and Navy personnel, according to the release. The Coast Guard announced it was suspending its rescue efforts on Friday. The Air Force is investigating the incident and will not provide more details in the meantime, according to the release.

"Cole was a man with deep-rooted beliefs who dedicated himself to God, our freedoms, peace and his family," squadron commander Lt. Col. Steven Cooper said in the news release. "He was a devoted family man within our

squadron, focused on teaching his girls to be adventurous like he was."

"This is a tragic loss to the squadron, Special Tactics community and our nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and teammates at this time."

Condif was born in Dallas and enlisted in the Air Force in 2012 after a two-year mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was assigned to Hurlburt Field in 2015.

Assignments to Africa in sup-

port of Operation Juniper Shield and Afghanistan as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel were among those highlighted in the release and a biography the service sent out.

He was qualified as an air traffic controller, combat scuba diver, static-line jumpmaster, free fall jumper and joint terminal attack controller, according to his biography.

Condif is survived by his wife, two daughters, parents, a sister and two brothers.

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## MILITARY

# Contrast: Navy helped with movie's details, aided searchers of Petrel project

## FROM FRONT PAGE

the Akagi, came three weeks before the release of the new \$100 million movie "Midway," which opens Friday.

The find served as a reminder of the violence of the famous World War II sea battle and made for a contrast between the drama on the big screen and the reality on the ocean floor.

The movie re-creates the epic June 1942 struggle in the Pacific Ocean with fitting bombast. There are explosions, grimacing pilots and bold, if mythical, pronouncements.

The sunken carriers, on the other hand, rest in the depths — shattered wrecks dripping with 70 years of sea encrustations.

The bow of the Kaga is deeply buried in the seafloor, which it is still after sinking through 17,000 feet of water. Part of its stern is gone — blown off in battle or in sinking.

Three thousand Japanese sailors and airmen died in the battle, and Japan lost its four best aircraft carriers — Kaga, Akagi, Soryu and Hiryu, according to historians Jonathan Parshall and Anthony Tully.

All four ships had been involved in the attack on Pearl Harbor six months before, which plunged the United States into World War II.

The battle came after American code-breakers figured out the Japanese planned to attack the American-held Midway atoll, about 1,400 miles northeast of Hawaii. The Navy set up an ambush and assailed the Japanese force as it approached.

The Americans also lost many planes, pilots and sailors, along with the carrier USS Yorktown. But the battle changed the course of the war in the Pacific and led to the eventual allied victory over Japan.

The Petrel is part of an underwater exploration project started by the late Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft. The research vessel is owned and operated by Allen's Seattle-based company, Vulcan Inc.

The Petrel found the carrier Kaga on Oct. 16 and the Akagi Oct. 20. The Soryu and Hiryu

have not yet been located.

The movie, starring Nick Jonas, Mandy Moore and Woody Harrelson, is fairly accurate, with hiccups here and there, said retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, an expert on the battle and the director of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington.

Cox's command helped in the making of the movie and in the search for the wrecks.

"There's a lot of it that [the movie] got right," he said. "There are quite a few things that are not historically accurate, but they're for the most part things that you would have to be fairly knowledgeable of the Battle of Midway or Navy operations during World War II to catch."

For example, there is a scene in which numerous American B-26 bombers drop bombs from medium altitude on the Japanese task force, he said. Actually, there were only four bombers, and they attacked with torpedoes from low altitude, he said.

One of the B-26s flew at the bridge of the Akagi, missing it by 10 feet, sparing the Japanese admiral, Chuichi Nagumo, and his entire staff. "Ten feet lower and those guys are all wiped out," he said. The attack is shown in the movie, but the plane incorrectly swoops down from high altitude, he said.

Cox said he was worried at first about Harrelson playing the role of the silver-haired Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the top Navy commander in the Pacific. "But he actually gets it pretty close."

He said Harrelson researched Nimitz, traveling to the National Museum of the Pacific War, in Fredericksburg, Tex., Nimitz's boyhood home. "He went the extra mile and studied up on it," Cox said.

The balding Harrelson is indeed a believable Nimitz, complete with a full head of neatly parted silver hair.

"In general, [the characters] for the most part are all true people, and all did what they are depicted as doing in the movie," he said. "In some cases, it's been exaggerated. In some cases, it's out of proper time sequence."



A Japanese heavy cruiser of the Mogami class lies low in the water after being bombed by U.S. naval aircraft during the Battle of Midway in May 1942.

"I didn't want to nitpick the movie, because I really wanted it to be made because I think it's a fantastic story," he said.

Even as the Navy was giving detailed help to the makers of the movie, it was also helping the searchers on the Petrel.

Frank V. Thompson, a historian with Naval History and Heritage Command, was aboard the Petrel as it scanned the Pacific looking for the Japanese carriers. His job was to help identify the wrecks, should they be found.

"When we first started our dives ... we were finding really large debris fields on the ocean floor, but no wreck," he said in a recent interview. "The more we thought about it, we wondered if we were passing over the point where the big dive bombing attack took place."

American dive bombers had caught three of the Japanese carriers — Kaga, Akagi and Soryu — off guard and relatively close together on the morning of June 4, 1942. Within about five minutes, they delivered a devastating attack that doomed all three ships and altered the course of the war. "It was the single most decisive aerial attack in naval history," Parshall and Tully wrote in their 2005 book about the battle, "Shattered Sword."

Thompson said. "We were wondering ... are we passing over that point in history?"

The Petrel followed the debris with its scanners and came upon a wreck. Thompson knew the Kaga had a belt of 10 powerful eight-inch guns — five on each side. The Akagi only had six — three on each side.

As the underwater robot circled

the wreck, beaming back real-time video, Thompson counted gun emplacements.

There were 10.

The Kaga had been hit with four or five large bombs in quick succession. They, in turn, ignited bombs, torpedoes and fuel aboard the ship. "The explosions ... tore the whole flight deck and hangar deck apart," Thompson said. "So you have all this debris flying through the air."

"The devastation is utter and complete," Thompson said. "Even after 77 years on the ocean floor, you can clearly see the damage and destruction that was wrought by those four bombs ... Everything above [the] main deck ... was pretty much collapsed."

Anchor chains, portholes, loose guns were spotted.

The Akagi, which had been hit with a single 1,000-pound bomb, was found with similar destruction, Thompson said.

The Soryu, struck by three 1,000-pound bombs, is probably not far away, he said. The Hiryu was hit last, by four 1,000-pound bombs, and also catastrophically damaged. But it managed to limp away before sinking, Thompson said it could be harder to find.

Near the end of the movie, the famous Japanese admiral, Isoroku Yamamoto, is depicted uttering his famous warning about the U.S.:

I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.

"It's a great quote," said Cox, of the history command. "And it's certainly in keeping with his beliefs ... He could have said it."

But there's no evidence that he ever did.

# Top general: Up to 600 US troops to stay in Syria

By KAREN DEYOUNG

The Washington Post

As many as 600 U.S. troops will remain in northeast Syria to continue counterterrorism operations against Islamic State, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday.

"There will be less than 1,000 for sure," Milley said, referring to the number present when President Donald Trump ordered their complete withdrawal last month. Trump later was persuaded by national security advisers and congressional supporters, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to retain an unspecified number of troops whose mission, the president said, was to "secure the oil" from a takeover by the Syrian government or militants.

Milley, speaking on the ABC News program "This Week," said the number of troops that would remain was "probably in the 500-ish frame. Maybe 600?" He did not mention Syrian oil, but said that "there are still ISIS fighters in the region and unless pressure is maintained ... then there's a very real possibility that conditions could be set for reemergence of ISIS."

"The footprint will be small, but the objective will remain the same — the enduring defeat of ISIS," Milley said.

Syria's relatively small oil reserves are concentrated in the northeastern part of the country, currently under the control of U.S.-allied Kurdish-led fighters of the Syrian Democratic Forces. Black market sale of the oil by the SDF, primarily to the Syrian government, helps fund those forces.

A separate U.S. force of about 150 remains in southern Syria, on the Jordanian border.

Trump's withdrawal announcement came after Turkey last month prepared to launch a cross-border invasion, aided by Syrian rebel forces, into northeastern Syria.

The administration later reached an agreement with Ankara to remove both U.S. and Kurdish forces — considered terrorists by Turkey — from an area 75 miles wide and about 20 miles deep along the border to avoid a clash with the Turkish force.

That area has since been occupied by Turkey and its Syrian allies, amid sharp criticism of Trump's withdrawal decision from both within and outside the administration and reports of human rights abuses as more than 100,000 civilians have fled.

In addition to routing the Syrian Kurdish forces, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said he wants to use the border region to resettle up to two million of the approximately 3.6 million Syrian refugees in Turkey.

# Adult flu shots arrive at Yokota to replace damaged doses

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Air Force has received a fresh batch of influenza vaccine to replace doses damaged when a medical refrigerator malfunctioned at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

The mechanical failure delayed access to adult influenza vaccinations at the base earlier this month; however, they are now available for active-duty troops,

374th Airlift Wing spokeswoman Kaori Matsukasa said in an email Thursday.

Service members can get vaccinated during walk-in hours at Yokota's allergy and immunizations clinic, she said, which is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dependents and civilians will be able to get the shots starting Nov. 21, Matsukasa said.

Petric flu shots for kids ages 6 to 36 months weren't impacted

by the refrigerator malfunction and have been available since last month, officials said.

Flu season began Sept. 26 in metropolitan Tokyo, 11 weeks earlier than last year, according to a recent report by the Mainichi Shimbun. Japanese citizens were advised to take precautions since the number of flu cases usually peaks five to 10 weeks after flu season sets in, the newspaper said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states on its

website that everyone 6 months or older should get a flu vaccine every season, with rare exceptions.

"Flu vaccination has important benefits. It can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations," the website says. "Flu vaccine also has been shown to be life-saving in children."

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## MILITARY

# New study shows veteran benefit discrepancies

By NIKKI WENTLING

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Several years ago, Iraq War veteran Kayla Williams and her family moved to Pennsylvania, where she and her husband received \$500 each semester toward her two children's school costs, thanks to a statewide benefit.

The only problem? They had relocated from Virginia — a state that provides free tuition to children of disabled veterans. Williams' husband, also a veteran, has a 100 percent disability rating from the VA.

"I was shocked by that difference," Williams said. "My husband had the same level of disability, but the difference between free tuition and \$500 each semester was so stark. I thought, 'I have to know more.'"

Williams and her family moved back to Virginia after just one

year in Pennsylvania because of a job opportunity. Williams led the Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs before taking her current position as director of the military, veterans and society program at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank.

In her new role, Williams looked back at her family's move to Pennsylvania and decided to investigate the differences in benefits for veterans, state by state.

She discovered that different states offer a wide variety and number of benefits, from a high of 60 benefits in Illinois to a low of 22 each in Hawaii and Oklahoma. Many of them were enacted by state legislatures after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, creating what the Center for New American Securities describes as a "sea of goodwill."

However, no state does a very

good job of promoting the benefits or providing an easy process to apply for them, the think tank found. Williams' findings were released Monday, on Veterans Day, in a new report titled, "From Sea to Shining Sea: State Level Benefits for Veterans."

"To do this research has been totally eye-opening," Williams said. "We were really struck by how hard it was to find these benefits. What's the point in having a benefit if people can't figure out how to use it?"

To address that problem, the Center for a New American Security created an online database that allows veterans to search for and compare state benefits. The tool was also launched Monday, along with the report.

In her research, Williams discovered states in the Midwest and Northeast provide a higher number of benefits on aver-

age than states in the South and West. That fact was surprising, Williams said, because southern states typically have higher rates of military enlistment.

"It's a big assumption that the South is so patriotic and they love the military, and they join the military, so they'll support them after," Williams said. "But that isn't necessarily how it played out."

The study couldn't pinpoint a single state that had the best benefits for veterans because what's offered varies so greatly state by state, she said. While Illinois has the most, it's unclear if the benefits there are more valuable in total than what another state may offer.

"There's just a lot of variation in who's eligible, what the benefits are and the value of the benefits," Williams said.

The report contains takeaways for state leaders and veterans.

State officials should make the benefits easier to apply for and receive, the report says, and analyze whether the benefits they offer are serving the state's intended goals.

For veterans, the think tank recommends building a better awareness of state-level benefits and factoring those into decision-making when choosing where to live. Unlike with her family's move to Pennsylvania, Williams plans to research state benefits when it comes time to choose a new home.

"This needs to be one thing that we weigh when we decide if we're going to move," Williams said. "Weighing this, knowing this is something to consider if we want to move, is the biggest lesson that I've taken away — that it can be so significant."

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## Urgency: Dallas resident urges the president to OK state funeral

FROM FRONT PAGE

tasked in October 1944 with holding a hilltop position, and he and his men defended against an enemy attack for four days.

Williams fought at Two Jima in 1945.

He used a flamethrower to destroy Japanese pillboxes, running back and forth between the breach and the refueling lines over a period of four hours, all while under enemy fire.

McNutt believes a state funeral — which includes a public observance in the U.S. Capitol — would serve as a final send-off to the World War II generation.

Either Coolidge or Williams would be a symbol for the millions of other Americans who fought in the war, he said.

According to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are fewer than 390,000 World War II veterans still living.

More than 16 million Americans participated in the conflict.

"It would be a final salute to the Greatest Generation," McNutt said.

McNutt recruited volunteers in 21 states to rally statewide leaders for their support.

Over the past two years, the

state legislatures in Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana and Missouri passed resolutions calling for the state funeral.

Congressional delegations from five states — Minnesota, Louisiana, Missouri, Utah and West Virginia — wrote Trump asking that he make the designation.

In addition, the U.S. senators from West Virginia, Joe Manchin, a Democrat, and Shelley Moore Capito, a Republican, introduced a resolution requesting the funeral.

"We need a bigger megaphone," McNutt said. "I can write a letter to the president and we can have a petition with over 130,000 signatures, but a bigger megaphone when the House and Senate in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, write to the president. A bigger megaphone is when all the congressmen in Missouri sign a letter."

The effort was given a boost when Brent Casey, the grandson of Woody Williams, joined the cause.

Casey, a Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran, lives in Louisville and is trying to gain support from Kentucky leaders.

At a White House holiday party, Casey and his grandfather passed a letter about the state fu-

neral to Trump through Secret Service.

They've also asked for Williams to be granted an audience with the president to discuss it, Casey said.

"I feel like if we could only get Woody in front of him for two minutes and not be passing a letter to a Secret Service agent," Casey said. "If we could just get word to him directly, in an effective way, it would be a no-brainer."

U.S. presidents have the authority to grant state funerals. They're typically reserved for presidents, but they have been granted to other individuals.

The most recent was in 1964 for five-star General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. President John F. Kennedy had authorized the state funeral, and his successor, Lyndon Johnson, carried out the designation after Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

McNutt believes that if Trump were to designate the funeral and Coolidge or Williams lived past Trump's time in office, his successor — like Johnson — would carry it out.

The last state funeral was held in December for former President George H.W. Bush, who was a World War II veteran.

As he watched the nation come together to pay tribute, Casey felt more strongly that a state funeral for his grandfather or Coolidge would be "symbolism at the greatest level."

"It would be such an uplifting thing for this country, especially in the time we're in right now," Casey said.

"This is something everybody could get behind. It could move us forward."

The potential that his grandfather could be the last one living — and the one to represent millions of other World War II veterans — is "overwhelming" and "surreal," Casey said.

Even in their 90s, Coolidge and Williams have continued to serve their communities, he said.

A foundation was opened in Williams' name that aids Gold Star families, providing them with scholarships and outreach programs.

A center is currently being established in Coolidge's name to teach character development to elementary, middle and high school students.

"They could've gone home and rested on their laurels and just been done — sat on their rocking chairs on the front porch with an iced tea. But neither of them did

that," Casey said.

"Both of them, on some level, are still serving. Both of them are great Americans — national treasures that have certainly proved they would represent that place very well, regardless of which one it is."

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## Stepmother arrested after death of child, 4, near Army base

By MARCUS KLOECKNER  
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Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The stepmother of a 4-year-old U.S. Army dependent found dead in their Eschenbach home has been arrested on suspicion of homicide, German police said Friday.

The boy's father, a soldier assigned to the Vilsack-based 2nd Cavalry Regiment's Field Artillery Squadron, wasn't home when police were called at 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 4, Oberpfalz police said in a statement. First responders found the child unconscious and not breathing, police said.

The woman, 25, whose name wasn't released, was arrested

Wednesday, after an autopsy a day earlier found that the child died from "intense violence" that wasn't apparent at the scene, police said.

The death occurred at the Army's off-post housing area in Netzberg, according to a 2nd Cavalry Regiment statement. Netzberg is located is near the Grafenwoehr Training Area.

There are several other children that live in the home where the death occurred, police said.

German authorities are leading an ongoing investigation, with assistance from the Army's Criminal Investigative Command, the Army statement said.

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## NATION

# Impeachment primer

What you need to know as Democrats, GOP tussle over witnesses ahead of public hearings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For only the fourth time in U.S. history, the House of Representatives has started a presidential impeachment inquiry. House committees are trying to determine whether President Donald Trump violated his oath of office by asking Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and his family and to investigate Ukraine's involvement in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

A quick summary of the latest news and what's to come:

## What you need to know

Democrats and Republicans are already tussling over which witnesses to call for the public impeachment hearings.

On Saturday, Republicans released a list of people they want to hear from. Among them: Biden's son, Hunter, one of his former associates at a Ukrainian energy company, and the anonymous whistleblower.

But Republicans need the committee's approval to summon their witnesses and Democrats are in the majority. The committee chairman, California Rep. Adam Schiff, quickly cast doubt on whether Republicans will get their way.

Without getting into specifics, Schiff said he won't let the hearings serve as a vehicle to conduct "sham investigations" into the Bidens or the 2016 election. Nor will he let the hearings aid Trump's "effort to threaten, intimidate and retaliate against the whistleblower."

Altogether, Republicans want to hear public testimony from eight people they identified, some of whom have already testified privately. They also want to hear from anonymous officials who helped the whistleblower prepare his or her complaint.

The top Republican on the committee, California Rep. Devin Nunes, said Democrats are conducting a one-sided inquiry and it's important to hear from certain people familiar with Ukrainian corruption and political machinations.

Trump says he will release an account of another phone call with Ukraine's leader. His conversation with Volodymyr Zelenskyy in July sparked the impeachment inquiry against him when he was heard pressing the new president for a political

## Networks to televise hearings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS will set aside scheduled programming this week to cover the House's first open impeachment hearings on President Donald Trump.

The cable news networks CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and CSPAN will also provide live coverage. The first hearing of the House intelligence committee's hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. EST on Wednesday, with the second Friday at 11 a.m.

William Taylor, the U.S. diplomat in the Ukraine, is scheduled to testify Wednesday about the Trump administration's efforts to tie U.S. military aid to that country in an agreement to investigate the president's political rivals.

favor.

The two also spoke in April, soon after Zelenskyy won election. Trump said Saturday he has no problem making details of that call public. He says he'll probably do it Tuesday.

Investigators in the inquiry on Friday released hundreds of pages of testimony from Fiona Hill, a former White House Russia adviser, and Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, an Army officer assigned to the National Security Council. Both testified they were concerned Trump was inappropriately pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democrats.

Ivanka Trump told The Associated Press on Friday that the identity of whistleblower is "not particularly relevant" and "shouldn't be a substantive part of the conversation." The whistleblower sparked the inquiry into Trump's efforts to press Ukraine to investigate the Bidens.

John Bolton, Trump's former national security adviser, was aware of "many relevant meetings and conversations" related



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The House Ways and Means Committee hearing room, the largest hearing room in the House, will be used to hold the first public session in the probe of whether President Donald Trump violated his oath of office by coercing Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and his family.

to the Ukraine pressure campaign that House impeachment investigators have not yet learned about, his attorney Charles Cooper wrote in a letter to the House general counsel. Cooper wants a federal judge to determine whether Bolton and his former deputy, Charles Kupperman, can be compelled to testify against the White House wishes.

Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and Office of Management and Budget associate director Mark Sandy defied House investigator subpoenas and were no-shows for their scheduled depositions. Mulvaney has asked to join a lawsuit brought by another of the president's advisers challenging a congressional subpoena. That suit, filed by Kupperman, asks a court to decide which of two directives Kupperman must follow — one from Congress ordering him to testify, the other from the White House telling him not to. A lawyer for Mulvaney says his case presents the same legal issues as Kupperman's and that he is a closer and even more senior adviser to the president than Kupperman was.

## What's next

Investigators are preparing to start public hearings this week. Schiff said three State Department witnesses will appear in two hearings Wednesday and Friday:

the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, career department official George Kent and Marie Yovanovitch, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Yovanovitch was ousted in May on Trump's orders and Taylor replaced her; both have testified about their concerns with the administration's policy on Ukraine. The committee also must consider whether to summon the witnesses sought by Republicans, who call the impeachment process a sham.

## Numbers that matter

Last week, a dozen Trump administration figures, including big names like Mulvaney and Bolton, declined to appear before the Democratic-led panel. Democrats are wrapping up the closed-door portion of the proceedings.

## Worth watching

Trump's daughter and presidential aide, Ivanka Trump, granted a rare interview while on a trip to Morocco. Speaking with The Associated Press, she questioned the motives of the anonymous whistleblower whose allegations touched off the Trump impeachment inquiry and suggested that former Vice President Joe Biden profited from his time in public service.

# Trump considers attending Russia's Victory Day parade



SERGEY GUNEVYEV, SPUTNIK/AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin invited President Donald Trump to Russia's Victory Day parade May 9. Trump said he is considering attending.

By ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN  
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump said Friday he is considering attending Russia's Victory Day festivities, an annual May 9 military parade on Moscow's Red Square that commemorates the Soviet Union's World War II triumph.

Russian President Vladimir Putin invited Trump at the Group of 20 summit in June.

Trump has yet to visit Russia as president, but has openly questioned U.S. intelligence conclusions that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election.

"I am thinking about it," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"It is right in the middle of political season, so I'll see if I can do it, but I would love to go if I could."

Two U.S. presidents have attended Russia's Victory Day parade: Bill Clinton in 1995 and George W. Bush in 2005.

The 2020 events will mark the 75th anniversary of the 1945 Allied victory over Nazi Germany and will likely have more pomp than in recent years. Russia uses the day to show off its military might — featuring 13,000 troops, 130 military vehicles and 74 aircraft in the 2019 parade.

Several Western leaders, including president Barack Obama, declined to attend the 70th anniversary in 2015 because of Rus-

sia's annexation of Crimea the year before.

Putin aide Yuri Ushakov told Russian reporters in June that invitations were also extended to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

If Trump did attend, it would be a significant public-relations coup for the Kremlin.

U.S. relations with Russia are at a low after the U.S. intelligence community accused Moscow of the election interference and raised alarms it could happen again in the 2020 presidential

race.

After Trump and Putin's meeting at the G-20 summit in Osaka, Japan, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Trump "responded very positively" to the offer to attend the Victory Day parade.

"It's a very big deal celebrating the end of the war," Trump said Friday.

Trump traveled to France in June to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

In August, Trump canceled a trip to Poland for events marking the 80th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. Vice President Mike Pence represented the White House.

## NATION

# Former national security adviser to write memoir

By DAVE GOLDINER  
New York Daily News

Maybe he's saving the best dirt on President Donald Trump for his tell-all book.

John Bolton, the former national security adviser who just delayed testifying at the impeachment inquiry, has signed a deal for a juicy White House memoir.

The deal with Simon & Schuster will pay Bolton a hefty \$2 million, two publishing officials familiar with the deal told the Associated Press on Saturday.

Bolton has already raised eyebrows with his odd approach to the impeachment probe.

He rejected an invitation to testify last week before the Democratic-led inquiry, insisting along with another White House official that he needs a judge to determine whether a congressional

subpoena can compel him to testify over the president's orders to keep quiet.

Other White House officials have testified in defiance of Trump and most legal analysts say Bolton would face no legal jeopardy by speaking to Congress.

Democrats declined to issue a subpoena for Bolton, signaling that they believe they have enough evidence to proceed without him.

But Bolton's lawyer, Charles Cooper, boasted that Bolton has knowledge of Trump meetings and actions that impeachment investigators know nothing about.

That tantalizing claim raises his value as a potential witness — and also hypes his insider book.

Bolton is a key figure in the Ukraine scandal and other wintresses have said he was deeply



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

**John Bolton, former national security adviser to President Donald Trump, signed a \$2 million book deal, according to two publishing officials. Bolton recently rejected an invitation to testify before the Democratic-led impeachment inquiry.**

angered by Trump's effort to use millions in American defense aid as leverage to bully Ukraine into announcing bogus probes of Democrats.

He left the White House on

very acrimonious terms after a falling out with Trump over the president's plans to host the Taliban at Camp David for Afghan peace talks right before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Trump said he fired Bolton and branded him a warmonger. Bolton claimed he quit — and promised to eventually tell his side of the story.

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## NATION

# Boeing Max return delayed after simulator glitch

By ALAN LEVIN  
Bloomberg

Boeing engineers were nearly done redesigning software on the grounded 737 Max in June when some pilots hopped into a simulator to test a few things.

It didn't go well.

A simulated computer glitch caused it to dive aggressively in a way that resembled the problem that had caused deadly crashes off Indonesia and in Ethiopia months earlier.

That led to an extensive redesign of the plane's flight computers that has dragged on for months and repeatedly pushed back the date of its return to service, according to people briefed on the work. The company — which initially expressed confidence it could complete its application to recertify the plane with the Federal Aviation Administration within months — now says it hopes to do that before the end of the year.

Changing the architecture of the jet's twin flight computers, which drive autopilots and critical instruments, has proven far more laborious than patching the system directly involved in 737 Max crashes, said these people, who asked not to be named speaking about the issue.

The redesign has also sparked tensions between aviation regulators and the company. As recently as last week, the FAA and European Aviation Safety Agency asked for more documentation of the changes to the computers, said one of the people, potentially delaying the certification further.

Developing and testing software on airliners is an exacting process. Manufacturers may have to demonstrate with extensive testing that a software failure leading to a crash would be as rare as one in a billion.

"It's really complicated," John Hansman, an aeronautics and astronautics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who is not involved in the repair, said of revising aircraft software. "It totally makes sense why it's taking longer."

Compared with the initial redesign of the software system involved in the crashes — a feature known as Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, or MCAS — the work on the flight computers will likely create an exponential increase in the safety tests required before it's approved, said Peter Lemme,



MIKE SEIGEL, THE SEATTLE TIMES/TNS

Boeing 737 MAX airplanes are parked along the west side of Boeing Field in Seattle as the company awaits Federal Aviation Administration approval for the jets to return to service.

## House leaders demand FAA answer as to why it overruled engineers' safety concerns

By IAN DUNCAN  
The Washington Post

Two leading House Democrats wrote to the Federal Aviation Administration on Thursday demanding to know why the agency appeared to overrule its own engineers' concerns about safety issues related to the Boeing 737 Max and the 787 Dreamliner, ultimately siding with the manufacturer rather than its own staff.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Rep. Rick Larsen, D-Wash., who chairs the committee's aviation panel, asked FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson to provide answers about how the agency "weighs the validity of safety

issues raised by its own experts compared to the objections raised by the aircraft manufacturers the FAA is supposed to oversee."

The congressmen wrote: "The two cases ... suggest that the opinions and expert advice of the FAA's safety and technical experts are being circumvented or sidelined while the interests of Boeing are being elevated by FAA senior management."

The committee has been investigating the development of the Max and its approval by the FAA after the aircraft was involved in a pair of crashes that killed 346 people. The committee learned of the two additional safety issues as part of its investigation, the letter said. They

are unrelated to an automated software system that has been implicated in both crashes. Investigations into the crashes have faulted both assumptions Boeing made in designing the automated feature and the FAA's oversight and safety approval process.

According to the letter, the new issues "both appear to involve serious, potentially catastrophic safety concerns raised by FAA technical specialists that FAA management ultimately overruled after Boeing objected." The first concerns whether rudder cable protection on the Max is adequate. The second involves lightning protection for fuel tanks on the 787 Dreamliner.

a former Boeing engineer who worked on flight-control systems before leaving the company to become a consultant.

"Where before you may have had 10 scenarios to test, I could see that being 100," Lemme said.

And that doesn't account for the added time to design the software changes needed for the two computers, he said.

The work on the plane original-

ly focused on MCAS, which repeatedly pushed down the nose in both accidents as a result of a malfunctioning sensor. Pilots eventually lost control, and the crashes killed 346 people, prompting a worldwide grounding of the jet on March 13.

Within weeks of the first crash — a Lion Air flight off the coast of Indonesia on Oct. 29, 2018 — Boeing announced that it was

redesigning MCAS to make it less aggressive and to prevent it from activating more than once. It was projected to be completed within months.

While the fix became more complex and politically charged after the second accident — the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines jet on March 10 — the changes to MCAS remained self-contained and relatively simple.

"I could have a bunch of graduate students and rewrite MCAS in a couple of days and be done," Hansman said.

That, of course, wouldn't pass muster with FAA, he said. And it was far simpler than the extensive computer redesign that they undertook.

In the original 737 Max design review, Boeing and its overseers at FAA concluded pilots would react swiftly to flight-control failures, but that assumption has been called into question by Indonesia's final report into the crash and recommendations issued by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

FAA officials, stung by post-crash charges of laxity, had already begun a more rigorous review of systems on the plane.

Part of assessing an aircraft's safety involves anticipating even the most remote potential failure. As a result, Boeing in June simulated what would happen if gamma rays from space scrambled data in the plane's flight-control computers.

In one scenario, the plane aggressively dove in a way that mimicked what happened in the crashes on the grounded jetliner, the people said. While such a failure had never occurred in the 737's history, it was at least theoretically possible.

Because at least one of the pilots who flew the scenario in a simulator found it difficult to respond in time to maintain control of the plane, it needed to be fixed, according to two people familiar with the results.

The answer was to modernize what was a relatively antiquated design on the 737.

Most modern, computerized aircraft — such as more recent Boeing models and Airbus SE's jets — use three computer systems to monitor each other, Hansman and Lemme said.

By contrast, the 737 Max had two separate computers. One operated the flight systems and another was available if the first one failed, with the roles switching on each flight. But they interacted only minimally.

Boeing decided to make the two systems monitor each other so that each computer can halt an erroneous action by the other. This change is an important modernization that brings the plane more in line with the latest safety technology but raised highly complex software and hardware issues.

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## NATION

# Community hit in deadly attack leaves Mexico

Caravan of Mormon families returns to Ariz.

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — An 18-vehicle caravan carrying about 100 members of an offshoot Mormon community leaving their homes in Mexico after a violent attack arrived in Arizona on Saturday.

The families came after the attack last Monday in which nine women and children were killed by what authorities said were hit men from drug cartels.

On Saturday, families went in and out of a gas station in Douglas near the port of entry as the sun began to set, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

They filled up on gas, put air in their tires and got food before getting back on the road on their way to Tucson and Phoenix. Their trucks were loaded with boxes, bicycles, spare tires and bags, all their belongings packed as they left the communities in Mexico that their families have called home since the 1950s, the newspaper reported.

The families had lived in two hamlets in Mexico's Sonora state: La Mora and Colonia LeBaron. Other residents of the hamlets planned to depart in the coming days.

Last Monday's deadly attack occurred as the women traveled with their children to visit relatives.

The spread-out community traces its origins to the end of polygamy more than a century ago by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, forcing Mormon families in the U.S. with multiple wives to establish offshoots elsewhere.

Bryce Langford, whose mother was one of the women killed, told the Daily Star Saturday that he was on his way to visit his brother at a hospital in Tucson.

Langford's mother, Dawna Ray

Langford, 43, was killed along with two of her sons, ages 11 and 2. She is survived by 11 children and her husband, Bryce Langford told the newspaper.

Of the children who escaped, one was shot in the face, another in the foot. One girl suffered gunshot wounds to her back and foot. Another of Langford's brothers hid six children in brush and walked back to La Mora to get help.

"We're very proud of him," Langford told the newspaper. "To be able to make those kind of decisions under those circumstances is something not a lot of people can say they can do."

A girl, who was initially listed as missing, walked off in another direction, despite her gunshot wounds, to get help.

Langford said the community has learned more about cartel hit men in the area in recent months, and people had been considering moving. After Monday's ambush, they decided it was something they had to do for their own safety, he told the Daily Star.

Having to move so suddenly feels like something he's seen in the movies, but he never thought would happen to his family, Langford said.

Most of the families are traveling to Phoenix, and others are heading to Tucson. They are not sure where they will settle down in the long term, Langford said.

Leah Langford-Staddon told The Associated Press that her mother and another sister, Amy, came to Arizona with as many belongings as they could pack into their vehicles.

Langford-Staddon said those leaving plan to scatter among their different relatives, for now, but they would love to eventually settle together in a new place.

"They spent the whole day yes-



PHOTOS BY KELLY PRESNELL, ARIZONA DAILY STAR/AP

Members of the Mormon colony from La Mora, Mexico, greet each other during a rendezvous in a gas station in Douglas, Ariz., on Saturday. The community left Mexico after a deadly cartel attack that killed nine American women and children.

terday packing. It was frantic," she said by phone from Tucson, where she is standing watch at a hospital that is treating five children wounded in the attack.

Those who left made a quick decision to leave behind their property, Langford-Staddon said. "When it comes down to it, it's just things that can be replaced,"

she said.

The population of La Mora had dwindled in recent years, with some keeping homes but only visiting a few times a year, Langford-Staddon said.

But Bryce Langford, who was raised in La Mora but now lives in North Dakota, said it wasn't easy for his relatives to leave behind

the land they have called home for more than 50 years.

"The assets that they've acquired down there are tremendous," he said. "And to have to up and leave from one day to the next and leave all that behind, there's definitely a lot of sad people here."



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Cole Langford, left, and Hayden Spencet, of the Mormon colony in La Mora, Mexico, hug Saturday in Douglas, Ariz.



## NATION

# California wine is surviving despite fires

By RACHEL LERMAN  
Associated Press

HEALDSBURG, Calif. — If you're worried that wildfires might have created shortages of Northern California's 2019 cabernet sauvignon, or even just imparted it with an undesirable smoky flavor, you can relax. The wine is just fine. For now.

Despite a late October blaze that raged through one of the world's best-known wine-growing regions, forcing evacuations in two mid-sized towns, wine production in Sonoma County escaped largely unscathed.

Limerick Lane Wines, for instance, avoided serious damage despite flames that licked at two sides of its property in the Russian River Valley just south of Healdsburg. Limerick's grapes were already harvested, crushed and stored in tanks and barrels. The winery's sealed cellar prevented smoke damage to its inventory, said owner Jake Bilbro, although its tasting room now has an acrid smell.

"I have to thank the people who planted our vineyards and built our house 100 years ago," Bilbro said. "Our buildings are all surrounded by vineyards, and vineyards are excellent fire breaks."

Overall, vintners estimate that the region lost only about 5% of its harvest to fire and smoke — not a perfect outcome, but better than in 2017 when wildfire struck with only about 90% of the harvest in. The remaining grapes weren't all lost, but that year's vintages were rumored to have a "smoky" taste, and winemakers were taking no chances this year.

Many in Sonoma, a sprawling county larger than Rhode Island located about an hour north of San Francisco, say they're hoping that fires don't become the new normal. But with the smell of smoke lingers in the air and the charred hills serving as a reminder, they're also making plans in case they do.

Fire season isn't over yet, of course, and the town largely contained Kincaid fire did incinerate the historic Soda Rock Winery, although most vineyards sustained no damage and lost no production. But the region has suffered a precipitous drop in fall tourism, which could undermine the economic health of its wineries and hospitality industry alike.

Bret Munselle lost about half of the young vines he had planted just two months before when a fire raged through the upper part of his ranch at Munselle Vineyards in Alexander Valley, between Healdsburg and Geyserville. The drainage below the plants was also damaged, and will probably cost \$150,000 to repair, he said.

It could have been much worse if mature vineyards were more appealing to fire. Water-rich vines and grapes planted in plowed rows don't offer them much fuel, he said.

"My family has lived on this property for 130 years," Munselle said. "We've never seen it hit from the tops of mountains to the valley floor."

Climate change is making summers warmer and drying out more forest brush, creating greater fuel reservoirs for wildfire, said Noah Diffenbaugh, a professor of earth system science at Stanford. The late-autumn rains that typically end fire season started later in recent years, he said, although it's not yet clear whether that's also climate-related.

Oddly enough, those same effects can help protect the grape crop by accelerating ripening of the fruit and reducing the chance that unexpectedly early rains might damage it.

Wine researchers have suggested vineyards might need to adjust harvest times,



PHOTOS BY ERIC RISBERG/AP

Partner Bret Munselle of Munselle Vineyards walks down the hillside where he lost about half of the young vines he had planted before a fire raged through the upper part of his ranch in Geyserville, Calif., on Wednesday.

evaluate what they plant, even possibly move to cooler areas over time.

Few grape growers are dramatically changing their practices yet. No one is talking about closing up shop or moving elsewhere. But winemakers are tinkering anyway — and everyone is buying backup generators.

Clay Mauritson of Mauritson Wines said he and his family are experimenting with different pruning methods to increase shade on the plants, although they don't see any need to shift to new growing areas.

"We don't want to be too dramatic or reactionary," he said. "We are going to take baby steps to make sure we're prepared for what comes down."

Tourism, which is usually booming amid the fall colors and mild temperatures, has taken a serious blow. Evacuations of nearby Healdsburg and Windsor, along with planned blackouts by the region's utility, PG&E — plus, the widespread misperception that the vineyards themselves burned — led to a rash of cancellations for hotel, restaurant and tasting-room reservations.

Joe Bartolomei, owner of the upscale boutique hotel Farmhouse Inn in Forestville, said he would normally be sold out this time of year. But on Nov. 1, his inn had only two of 25 rooms filled. He's trying to get the message out that the county businesses are intact and open for visitors.

But, he said, "it's going to be a slow, gradual education."

Visitor numbers had just started recovering from a similar drop-off following the 2017 fires, said Sonoma County Tourism president Claudia Vecchio.

So the tourism bureau now plans to promote wine country as a spring destination rather than fall and is devoting the bulk of its \$750,000 advertising budget to that end.



Top: Mark Dankowski, right, leads a tasting Wednesday for a group of people visiting the Soda Rock Winery in Healdsburg, Calif.

Left: Owner Ken Wilson rolls out a sign for passing motorists Wednesday after opening a tasting area at Soda Rock Winery, which was heavily damaged in the Kincaid fire.



## NATION

# Aging US dams present risk to many residents

By DAVID A. LIEB,  
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Associated Press

On a cold morning last March, Kenny Angel got a frantic knock on his door. Two workers from a utility company in northern Nebraska had come with a stark warning: Get out of your house.

Just a little over a quarter-mile upstream, the 92-year-old Spencer Dam was straining to contain the swollen, ice-covered Niobrara River after an unusually intense snow and rainstorm. The workers had tried but failed to force open the dam's frozen wooden spillway gates. So, fearing the worst, they fled in their truck, stopping to warn Angel before driving away without him.

Minutes later, the dam came crashing down, unleashing a wave of water carrying ice chunks the size of cars. Angel's home was wiped away; his body was never found.

"He had about a 5-minute notice, with no prior warning the day before," Scott Angel, one of Kenny's brothers, said.

State inspectors had given the dam a "fair" rating less than a year earlier. Until it failed, it looked a little different from thousands of others across the U.S. — and that could portend a problem.

A more than two-year investigation by The Associated Press has found scores of dams nationwide in even worse condition, and in equally dangerous locations. They loom over homes, businesses, highways or entire communities that could face life-threatening floods if the dams don't hold.

A review of federal data and reports obtained under state open records laws identified 1,688 high-hazard dams rated in

poor or unsatisfactory condition as of last year in 44 states and Puerto Rico. The actual number is almost certainly higher: Some states declined to provide condition ratings for their dams, claiming exemptions to public record requests. Others simply haven't rated all their dams due to lack of funding, staffing or authority to do so.

Deaths from dam failures have declined since a series of catastrophic collapses in the 1970s prompted the federal and state governments to step up their safety efforts. Yet about 1,000 dams have failed over the past four decades, killing 34 people, according to Stanford University's National Performance of Dams Program.

Built for flood control, irrigation, water supply, hydropower, recreation or industrial waste storage, the nation's dams are over a half-century old on average. Some are no longer adequate to handle the intense rainfall and floods of a changing climate. Yet they are being relied upon to protect more and more people as housing developments spring up nearby.

"There are thousands of people in this country that are living downstream from dams that are probably considered deficient given current safety standards," said Mark Ogden, a former Ohio dam safety official who is now a technical specialist with the Association of State Dam Safety Officials.

The association estimates it would take more than \$70 billion to repair and modernize the nation's more than 90,000 dams. But unlike many other infrastructures, most U.S. dams are privately owned. That makes it difficult for regulators to require improvements from operators who are unable or unwilling to



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Men climb stairs while working out at the Wachusett Reservoir Dam in Clinton, Mass., on July 25, 2018. The dam, which holds up to 65 billion gallons of water, is considered high hazard because of its destructive potential should it fail but also is rated as in satisfactory condition.

pay the steep costs.

"Most people have no clue about the vulnerabilities when they live downstream from these private dams," said Craig Fugate, a former administrator at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**'When they fail, they don't fail with warning. They just fail, and suddenly you can find yourself... with very little time, if any, to get out.'**

**Craig Fugate**  
former administrator at the Federal Emergency Management Agency

71-year-old Vietnam War veteran, declined to flee or simply ran out of time after workers with the Nebraska Public Power District

warned him that water was overtopping the dam near Spencer, a town of fewer than 500 residents.

An attorney for Angel's wife, who wasn't home when the dam broke, has filed a \$5 million lawsuit alleging negligence. It claims the power utility failed to properly maintain the dam, train its employees or inform the Angels of dangerous conditions.

Even though the Angels' home was squarely in its path, the dam was rated as a "significant" rather than "high" hazard, meaning it wasn't required under Nebraska law to have a formal emergency action plan. About 20% of state-regulated high-hazard dams nationwide still lack emergency plans, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which maintains the national dam inventory.

When last inspected in April 2018, Spencer Dam's "fair" rating was accompanied by an ominous notation: "Deficiencies exist which could lead to dam failure during rare, extreme storm events."

Tim Gokie, chief engineer of Nebraska's dam safety program, said the warning was due to past water seepage the power utility addressed by installing a drain system. Ultimately, Gokie said, the rising Niobrara River simply overwhelmed the concrete and earthen dam, which was built in

1927 to generate hydroelectricity, not for flood control.

"The fact was that it was just an unprecedented situation," Nebraska Public Power District spokesman Mark Becker said. "It was beyond what everybody anticipated."

Nebraska was among the states hardest hit by storms and floods this year that have caused an estimated \$1.5 billion in damage to roads, dams, utilities and other infrastructure in 28 states, according to an AP analysis.

A National Climate Assessment released by the White House last year noted growing frequency and intensity of storms as the climate changes. That can push some dams beyond what they were designed to handle.

Even if kept in good condition, thousands of dams could be at risk because of extreme rainstorms, said Fugate, the former FEMA official.

"These are like ticking bombs just sitting there, waiting for the wrong conditions to occur to cause catastrophic failure," he said.

The nation's dams are categorized as high, significant or low hazard in the National Inventory of Dams database. High hazard means loss of human life is likely if a dam were to fail. A significant rating means no deaths are likely, although economic and environmental damage is possible.

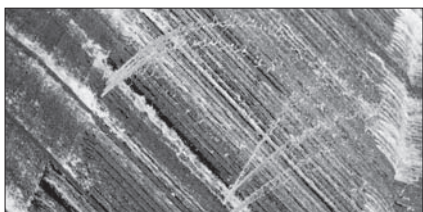
There is no national standard for inspecting dams, leading to a patchwork of state regulations. Some states inspect high-hazard dams every year while others wait up to five years. Some states never inspect low-hazard dams — though even farm ponds can eventually pose a high hazard as housing developments encroach.

Dam conditions are supposed to be rated as unsatisfactory, poor, fair or satisfactory. But the ratings are subjective — varying by state and the interpretations of individual inspectors — and are not always publicly disclosed.



RICH PEDRONCELLO/AP

Work continues on the Oroville Dam spillway in Oroville, Calif., on Nov. 30, 2017. The scare at Oroville, the nation's tallest dam, led to evacuation orders for nearly 200,000 people, although no one was injured and the dam ultimately held.



ERIC GAY/AP

Water spurts through a wood section of a spill gate on Lake McQueeney, on Oct. 2, Lake McQueeney, Texas. A judge has issued a temporary injunction preventing the draining of the lakes along the Guadalupe River as a result of an agreement between suing property owners and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

## NATION



CRAIG RUTTLE/AP

The 2019 Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, a 77-foot-tall, 12-ton Norway Spruce, is lifted and prepared for setting on a platform at Rockefeller Center Saturday in New York.

# 77-foot Norway spruce set up in Rockefeller Center

Associated Press

**FLORIDA, N.Y.** — A Norway spruce that years ago was displayed on its owner's coffee table will soon rise in a much grander

setting: the middle of Rockefeller Center.

Carol Schultz bought the sapling for the 1959 Christmas season. After displaying it in her home in the village of Florida,

N.Y., she planted it in her front yard.

In 2010, Schultz and her companion, Richard O'Donnell, went on Rockefeller Center's website and made the 14-ton tree's bid

for stardom. Earlier this year, they learned it had been chosen.

The 77-foot tree was cut on Thursday and lifted by crane onto a flatbed truck.

It arrived on Saturday at

Rockefeller Center, where it was hoisted and surrounded by scaffolding for the decoration process.

The lighting ceremony is on Dec. 4.

## Biotech company tests pig-to-human transplants with new funds

By CRISTIN FLANAGAN

Bloomberg

eGenesis, a biotech company working to alleviate the shortage of organs available for transplants, raised \$100 million in new funding for its program that genetically edits organs from pigs so that they can be safely used in humans.

The investment, led by Fresenius Medical Care Ventures, brings funding for eGenesis to \$138 million, with participation from new investors including Bayer AG's investment arm, Leaps by Bayer, and Wellington Partners. Existing investors also participated including Arch Venture Partners and billionaire venture capitalist Vinod Khosla's Khosla Ventures.

The Cambridge, Mass.-based company plans to tackle the

**“eGenesis is poised to revolutionize the entire organ transplantation market, which could save lives in a way that was previously not thought possible just a few years ago.”**

**Juergen Eckhardt**  
Leaps by Bayer

organ donation crisis by using Crispr, a type of genetic scissors that allows scientists to remove or replace precise sections of DNA, and other gene-editing technologies to alter pig organs so they can be used in life-saving transplants for humans in need of new kidneys.

It's not a new idea, but concerns about pig viruses infecting humans have stymied research for decades. eGenesis has been able to raise pigs without porcine

endogenous retrovirus, or PERV, said Paul Sekhri, the startup's president and chief executive officer. The financing will help eGenesis begin human testing of the organs, which could happen in the next few years, he said. Some of proceeds will be used to support novel programs to replace insulin-producing islet cells and for liver, heart and lung transplants.

“It's not a question of if it will work, but how and when?” Sekhri

said in a phone interview. The company is targeting kidney transplants first for safety reasons, since the kidney can be removed and the patient put back on dialysis if the approach fails.

The cost of dialysis and kidney transplants became a focus of the Trump administration this summer when the U.S. president proposed plans to overhaul Medicare payments for kidney disease. eGenesis isn't alone in its efforts. United Therapeutics Corp.

has also been working in the field. Sekhri sees the closely held biotech as being in the lead, although the enormous unmet need for transplants could translate to a large global market. Roughly 20 people die a day in the U.S. due to the shortage of donors.

“eGenesis is poised to revolutionize the entire organ transplantation market, which could save lives in a way that was previously not thought possible just a few years ago,” Juergen Eckhardt, head of Leaps by Bayer, said in an email. “We now have the tools at our disposal to address the historical hurdles that have challenged the field.”

Eckhardt will join the eGenesis board, along with his colleague, Lucio Iannone, and Al Wiegman, head of ventures at Fresenius Medical Care Ventures.

## WORLD

# Iran's president: Over 50B barrels of oil discovered

By AMIR VAHDAT  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has discovered a new oil field in the country's south with over 50 billion barrels of crude, its president said Sunday, a find that could boost the country's proven reserves by a third as it struggles to sell energy abroad over U.S. sanctions.

The announcement by Hassan Rouhani comes as Iran faces crushing American sanctions after the U.S. pulled out of its nuclear deal with world powers last year.

Rouhani made the announcement in a speech in the desert city of Yazd. He said the field was located in Iran's southern Khuzestan province, home to its crucial oil industry.

Some 53 billion barrels would be added to Iran's proven reserves of roughly 150 billion, he said.

"I am telling the White House that in the days when you sanctioned the sale of Iranian oil and pressured our nation, the country's dear workers and engineers were able to discover 53 billion barrels of oil in a big field," Rouhani said.

Oil reserves refer to crude that's economically feasible to extract. Figures can vary wildly by country due to differing standards, though it remains a yardstick of comparison among oil-producing nations.

Iran currently has the world's fourth-largest proven deposits of crude oil and the world's second-largest deposits of natural gas. It shares a massive offshore field in



OFFICE OF THE IRANIAN PRESIDENCY/AP

President Hassan Rouhani waves to the crowd in a public gathering at the city of Yazd, some 410 miles southeast of the capital, Tehran, Iran, on Sunday.

the Persian Gulf with Qatar.

The new oil field could become Iran's second-largest field after one containing 65 billion barrels in Ahvaz. The field is 925 square miles, with the deposit some 260 feet deep, Rouhani said.

Since the U.S. withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, the other countries involved — Germa-

ny, France, Britain, Russia and China — have been struggling to save it. However, they've offered no means by which Iran can sell its oil abroad.

Iran since has gone beyond the deal's stockpile and enrichment limits, as well as started using advanced centrifuges barred by the deal. It also just began injecting

uranium gas into centrifuges at an underground facility.

The collapse of the nuclear deal coincided with a tense summer of mysterious attacks on oil tankers and Saudi oil facilities that the U.S. blamed on Iran. Tehran denied the allegation, though it did seize oil tankers and shoot down a U.S. military surveillance drone.



TOMOHIRO OHSUMI, POOL PHOTO/AP

## Japan's emperor celebrated

Well-wishers hold Japanese national flags as they cheer during a national festival to celebrate the emperor of Japan's enthronement at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Saturday. Naruhito thanked tens of thousands who gathered outside the palace to congratulate his enthronement at the ceremony, which was organized by conservative political and business groups.

# French bishops OK payments for church sex abuse victims

By CLAIRE PARKER  
Associated Press

PARIS — French bishops on Saturday approved plans to financially compensate people abused sexually within the Roman Catholic Church.

Any person recognized by their bishop as a victim will be eligible to receive money, they said, and the church will appeal for donations to foot the bill. Bishops also voted to allocate \$5.5 million to an independent commission examining church sex abuse in France and to support prevention efforts.

Eric de Moulins-Beaufort, the archbishop of Reims and president of the Conference of French Bishops, said payments to victims will recognize both their suffering and "the silence, negligence,

indifference, lack of reaction or bad decisions or dysfunction within the Church."

The fund was green-lighted by 120 bishops at their biannual assembly in the southwestern town of Lourdes. The bishops didn't decide on the fund's size or how payments will be made. They will consider a more detailed implementation plan at their next gathering in April.

Francois Devaux, president of La Parole Liberee, an association of church sex abuse victims, said payments will help compensate for the "colossal financial impact" of sex abuse on children who, as adults, later struggle in their professional and family lives.

Moulines-Beaufort expressed hope that by administering the

fund, bishops will be able to reconcile with victims.

He said it is too early to estimate the number of eligible victims. The independent commission examining sex abuse announced at the Lourdes gathering that 2,800 people have responded since June to a call for testimonies.

An investigation by online publication Mediapart in 2016 found 342 cases of abuse over 50 years that French bishops allegedly covered up in France and abroad, implicating at least 34 priests.

Many of those priests were investigated, and some were convicted. But for many victims, the statute of limitations on sex crimes against minors, which was extended from 20 to 30 years last year, allowed perpetrators to escape punishment.

# Hong Kong's pro-democracy lawmakers charged, student mourned

By EILEEN NG  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police in Hong Kong said Saturday that they have arrested and charged six pro-democracy lawmakers, a move that could escalate public fury a day after the death of a university student linked to months of anti-government protests in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Protesters vented their anger over Chow Tsz-Lok's death and vowed not to give up their re-

sistance at a police-approved prayer rally Saturday night, with frequent chants of "Hong Kong people, revenge" and "Free Hong Kong."

The student, 22, died Friday, succumbing to injuries four days after falling from a parking garage when police fired tear gas during clashes with protesters. Although the circumstances of his death are unclear, many blame police who have been accused of heavy-handed tactics since the unrest began in June,

including widespread use of tear gas and pepper spray.

Police said they arrested six lawmakers and charged them Saturday with obstructing the local assembly during a raucous May 11 meeting over a now-shelved China extradition bill that sparked the five months of protests calling for democratic reforms. All were freed on bail.

A seventh lawmaker received a summons but failed to turn up at a police station to face arrest, a police spokesman said.

Pro-democracy lawmakers slammed the government clampdown as a calculated move after Chow's death to provoke more violence as an excuse to postpone or cancel Nov. 24 district elections — polls viewed as a barometer of public sentiment amid the unrest.

"We'll say no to their plans," lawmaker Tanya Chan told a news conference. "It is a de facto referendum for all Hong Kong voters to cast their vote and say no to police brutality and say no

to our unjust system."

She said the district elections will also send a crucial message to Beijing, accused by protesters of interfering in Hong Kong's freedoms and rights promised when the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997.

Hong Kong's constitutional and mainland affairs secretary, Patrick Nip, said police made the arrests based on their investigation and that they had nothing to do with the upcoming elections.



## WORLD

# Amnesty: End the 'bloodbath' in Iraq

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces put up concrete barriers in central Baghdad on Sunday, trying to hamper and block protesters' movements a day after forcefully clearing three flashpoint bridges in a security operation that killed six anti-government protesters and left more than 100 wounded.

Since the unrest began last month, more than 260 protesters have been killed by security forces who have used live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas in an effort to quell the protests.

Amnesty International called it a "bloodbath" and said Iraqi authorities should immediately rein in security forces.

"The government of Iraq has a duty to protect its people's right to life, as well as to gather and express their views. This bloodbath must stop now, and those responsible for it must be brought to justice," said Heba Morayef, Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa Director.

The widening security crackdown reflects government intransigence and narrowing options for protesters who have been on the streets of Baghdad and the mainly Shiite south's cities for weeks. Authorities shut down internet access and blocked social media sites several times amid the demonstrations.

Leaders of the economically driven protests are targeting Iraq's entire political class and



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

An anti-government protester throws a stone at security forces during clashes in the al-Rasheed street in Baghdad, Iraq, on Friday.

calling for the overhaul of the sectarian system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

More immediately, they are calling for the resignation of Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's government, who has held the post for just over a year. He has refused to step down.

"All government promises of reforms or investigations ring hollow while security forces continue to shoot and kill protesters," Morayef added.

On Sunday, security forces closed roads near the Khilani

Square with one-meter high concrete barriers, trying to block protesters from reaching Baghdad's landmark Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the protests, and the Sanak bridge.

In the southern city of Nasiriyah, security and medical officials said 31 people were injured in confrontations outside the education directorate as security forces tear-gassed protesters trying to block employees from reaching the building in the city center.

On Saturday, Iraqi security

forces killed six anti-government protesters and wounded more than 100 others, pushing them back from three flashpoint bridges in central Baghdad, medical and security officials said. The Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

"We consider the peaceful protests of our people as among the most important events since 2003," Abdul-Mahdi said in a statement Saturday that vowed to meet the protesters' demands for wide-ranging reforms.

## Teen dies, another hurt in Sweden shooting

HELSINKI — A 15-year-old boy has died and another teenager is in critical condition after a shooting late Saturday at a busy square in the southern Swedish city of Malmö.

Malmö police said Sunday the deceased boy was one of the two persons hit by unknown assailants opened fire into a pizza parlor where the victims were at the time of the incident at 9 p.m. local time Saturday.

The shooting took place just minutes after an explosion in another Malmö district where a bomb set under a car detonated, destroying the vehicle and causing damage to other cars.

Police couldn't say yet if the two incidents were linked.

## Afghan presidential hopeful boycotts recount

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah has unilaterally withdrawn his team's election observers from an official record of ballots ahead of long-delayed election results.

Abdullah says Sunday the results will have no legitimacy if his team's observers are not present during the recount by Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission.

Polling was held on Sept. 28, but the announcement of results repeatedly postponed after accusations of misconduct and technical issues with counting ballots.

Preliminary election results are expected on Nov. 14.

## Freed Brazilian ex-leader cheered at union HQ

SAOBERNARDODOCAMPO, Brazil — Freed from his cell, former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva told thousands of jubilant supporters Saturday that the left can take back Brazil's presidency in the 2022 election.

Da Silva spoke from a stage outside the union near Sao Paulo that he once led and that served as the base for his political career. The crowd of red-clad supporters cheered and waved flags.

"We are going to do a lot of fighting. Fighting is not one day on, then three months off, then back. Fighting is every day," said da Silva, a 74-year-old who promised to bring the energy of a 30-year-old to the streets.

## Court clears way to hear cases against Russia

MOSCOW — An international court ruled Friday that it has jurisdiction to hear Ukraine's allegations against Russia linked to Moscow's annexation of Crimea and the conflict in separatist regions of eastern Ukraine.

It was just one round in a case at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, but Russia had sought to have Ukraine's complaint tossed out.

Now the judges will hear the substance of the Ukrainian case. The allegations stem from the Russian seizure of Crimea in the spring of 2014.

From The Associated Press

## Russian reenactor found drunk in river, carrying severed arms

By WILL ENGLUND

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Sunday was to have been the day of Oleg Sokolov's spectacular suicide, in full Napoleonic costume, in St. Petersburg's Peter and Paul Fortress across the Neva River from the Hermitage Museum.

Instead, having been fished out of the Moika River early Saturday morning with a backpack containing a woman's severed arms, he was in the Mariinsky Hospital, still very much alive, but recovering from hypothermia and facing a murder charge.

The 63-year-old Sokolov is an assistant professor of history and one of Russia's most prominent scholarly reenactors of the Napoleonic wars. The arms in the backpack are thought to be those of one of his students, Anastasia Yeshchenko, 24, whose dismembered and decapitated body was found in Sokolov's apartment just a few houses down from where he was hauled out of the water, drowned and intoxicated, police said.

Sokolov's lawyer told the TASS news agency that he has confessed to the murder, a crime of St. Petersburgian passion that has parallels both to Dostoevsky's novel "Crime and Punishment" — the use of an ax — and to the 1916 assassination of the mad monk Grigori Rasputin, with its enouement in the city's dark interior waterways.

There might be a little bit of Edgar Allan Poe in there, too: Sokolov told investigators that he shot Yeshchenko in a fit of rage on Thursday, then entertained guests on Friday while her body lay in a room behind a closed door.

After they left he apparently decided to dismember and dispose of the remains. He told police the task made him physically ill, and he drank heavily to keep himself at it. He might have jumped into the Moika, which is shallow enough to stand in when the backpack didn't sink, or he might have been so drunk that he toppled in accidentally. Both versions have been reported. In any case, he called out in anguish, and a passing taxi driver called police.



DMITRI LOVETSKY/AP

Oleg Sokolov, a history professor at St. Petersburg State University, is accused of killing a student. He was pulled from a river on Saturday with a backpack containing severed arms.

His plan, local news organizations reported, was to make his way to the Peter and Paul Fortress on Sunday, dressed as Napoleon himself, and romantically take his own life in front of gapping and undoubtedly awestruck tourists.

## Civilians killed in blast on Syria border

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — A car bomb in northern Syria killed at least eight civilians and wounded 20 others Sunday in a town near the border with Turkey, Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

The explosion struck a town south of the city of Tal Abyad, the ministry said. The city was captured last month by Turkish troops and Turkey-backed opposition forces from Kurdish-led fighters.

The ministry blamed Syrian Kurdish fighters for the attack, accusing them of "massacring innocent civilians."

The attack came more than a week after a similar car bomb attack in central Tal Abyad killed 13 people.

Turkey invaded northeast Syria last month to push out Syrian Kurdish fighters near the border. The military offensive has since displaced around 200,000 people.

Ankara considers the Kurdish-led forces to be terrorists because of their links to Kurdish militants fighting inside Turkey.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Blinking lights to be added to Amish buggies

**OH** ASHLAND — A law enforcement official said he's persuaded the bishops of an Amish sect to install blinking lights on buggies to make them more visible to motorists.

The Ashland Times-Gazette reported Ashland County Chief Deputy Sheriff Carl Richert has been working with local Amish and Mennonite communities for years to make their buggies and wagons easier to spot.

Richert said the community that agreed to install blinkers is more liberal and modern than other sects. He said he has warned community leaders that if they don't begin using reflective tape and lights on their buggies the Ohio Legislature could pass laws mandating them.

A local Amish buggy maker has ordered around 200 battery-powered blinking lights and anticipates community members will generally be willing to use them.

## Man pleads guilty to trafficking rare tortoise

**FL** MIAMI — A Nevada man has been sentenced to 120 days of home confinement and ordered to pay a \$7,000 fine for trafficking an endangered Galapagos tortoise.

Court records show that Alan Wheelock, 33, was sentenced in Miami federal court Thursday after pleading guilty to violations of the Endangered Species Act.

Prosecutors said a K-9 officer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission found the baby tortoise inside a parcel at a Miami-area FedEx store in August 2018. The package was shipped to a Las Vegas FedEx location, where Fish and Wildlife agents watched Wheelock pick it up.

Investigators said Wheelock found a licensed breeder online in central Florida who would only sell to out-of-state customers with the proper permits. Wheelock paid a cousin who was living in Florida, Mauricio Perez, to buy the reptile and then send it to Wheelock.

## Residents: wild turkeys are attacking seniors

**NJ** TOMS RIVER — Some residents have been getting an early Thanksgiving surprise.

A gaggle of 40 to 60 wild turkeys have been aggressively terrorizing residents in a 55-and-up community in Ocean County daily.

Holiday City residents said the turkeys are blocking doorways, pecking at cars and behaving aggressively when they are shoed away.

The wild turkeys can sometimes weigh between 16 and 24 pounds and run up to 20 miles per hour.

The township has received dozens of complaints but said animal control is powerless in capturing or stopping the birds since they are not licensed to trap wildlife. A spokesman for the state's Department of Environmental Protection said the agency is aware of the issue.



DON CAMPBELL, THE (ST. JOSEPH, MICH.) HERALD-PALLADIUM/AP

## Gull-ible tourist

A girl feeds seagulls as the sun sets along Lions Park Beach in St. Joseph, Mich., on Tuesday.

## Man sentenced for abandoning Yorkie

**WV** FAIRMONT — A man has been sentenced to one to five years' home confinement for abandoning his Yorkie.

News outlets reported Justin Ryan Lancianese, 36, was sentenced this month after pleading guilty this summer to a felony animal cruelty charge.

A criminal complaint said Lancianese trapped his dog named Jojo in a cooler bag that held a copy of Stephanie Meyer's "Twilight" and a CVS card, and then tossed the bag near a power plant last year.

## Police: Seized hemp was pot worth \$1B

**CA** BAKERSFIELD — The Kern County Sheriff's office said it served search warrants at several fields totaling 459 acres in the Arvin area on Oct. 25 as part of a joint investigation with the FBI and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Bakersfield Californian reported.

Hemp and marijuana are cannabis plants but only pot has enough THC to get users high. Authorities said samples of the seized plants tested "well above" the federal limit of 0.3 percent of THC for "industrial" hemp.

They classified the plants as marijuana worth about \$1 billion.

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in a professional kitchen, butler services and spa treatments. The accommodations, called the "Manhattan Sky Suite," is on the 59th floor of a skyscraper called One57 — nicknamed "The Billionaires' Building."

The cost, per week, of a new three-bedroom suite at the Park Hyatt New York. A private elevator leads to the 4,200-square-foot space with amenities including a glass-enclosed fireplace, a personal chef

## Baker ends years as farmers market fixture

**VT** NORWICH — Fans of Jimmy Hardy Cleland's African honey bread, her ever-changing array of sweets and her bright-colored pansies might have to look just a little bit harder to find them in the future.

Last Saturday, Cleland packed up her corner booth at the Norwich Farmers Market for the last time, ending nearly 40 years as a fixture at the busy market.

"I've not had a weekend off for 40 years. It's time," said Cleland.

She'll be back, but not every week, and not in the spot where area locals could count on seeing her decade after decade, behind a display that wrapped around one edge of the market and beckoned passersby with its jars of cookies, stacks of fresh eggs and rows of jewel-colored jams.

Originally from suburban New Jersey, Cleland moved to the area shortly after graduating from college.

## Wildlife officials: Be aware of urban coyotes

**NE** LINCOLN — State wildlife officials are urging owners of small pets — even those in cities — to be vigilant in protecting them from coyotes.

Coyotes are common throughout Nebraska, including in some urban areas where there are creek bottoms, green space with tall grass and agricultural fields.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission cautions people against approaching or feeding a coyote. It also suggests not leaving pet food outside and keeping any pet on leash outside, even if they're out for just a few minutes.

## Woman said cellphone was shot from her hand

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Police said multiple shots were fired into a home including one a woman said shot a cell phone out

of her hand.

Providence police said they were dispatched to a Wesleyan Avenue home Thursday night in response to shots fired. Police said Jessica Sims, 32, was in bed when multiple shots came through the wall. Sims told police her cellphone was in her hand at the time and was shot from her hand.

## Customers help solo Waffle House worker

**AL** BIRMINGHAM — Waffle House is known to not close for anything — even if there's only one worker behind the counter.

Ethan Crispo told AL.com that was the case last Sunday morning at a location in Birmingham, Ala. He said he came in just after midnight to find a single man tending to "the incoming crowd of hungry, heavily imbibed customers."

That's when Crispo said a customer stood up, asked the employee for an apron and got to work. Soon, other customers also jumped in to wash dishes and bus tables.

Waffle House spokesman Pat Warner said a scheduling miscommunication left the lone worker to take care of the restaurant by himself. Warner said Waffle House appreciates the customers who stepped up but prefer their associates behind the counter.

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## FACES



DISNEY PLUS/AP

Gina Carano appears in a scene from "The Mandalorian." The ambitious eight-episode show with the budget of a feature film is one of the marquee offerings of the Walt Disney Co.'s new streaming service, Disney Plus, which launches Tuesday.

## Former MMA fighter Gina Carano joins ranks of Star Wars' capable female characters in 'The Mandalorian'

By RICK BENTLEY  
Tribune News Service

**T**he Star Wars franchise is filled with strong female characters: Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), Rey (Daisy Ridley), Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones) and even Captain Phasma (Gwendoline Christie). Now it is Gina Carano joining the ranks, taking on the character of Cara Dune in the new Disney+ series "The Mandalorian."

As one of the big carrots to lure viewers to its new streaming service that launches Tuesday, Disney has turned to Jon Favreau to create the first live-action series from Lucasfilm. Stories of Mandalorian bounty hunters Jango and Boba Fett have played out, and another warrior emerges. The Mandalorian (Pedro Pascal) is a lone gunfighter in the galaxy who is far from the rule of the New Republic. This is after the fall of the Empire and before the emergence of the First Order.

The series has been enveloped in secrecy to the point that little is known about Carano's character except that she is extremely capable

of taking care of herself. Carano is careful not to reveal too much about her role and the series, but she does admit she's taking a page from another Star Wars star to play the role.

"What Carrie Fisher did playing the character that was so strong and so independent was so incredible. We feel like this women's movement is new, but it isn't new. There have been massive female heroes through history and Carrie Fisher was one of them in Star Wars as well as life," Carano said. "I get to be such a cool character and when you are watching me, I feel like you kind of are looking at her as a soldier. There is a lot of depth to her and I hope people end up wanting to know more."

"I hope people really end up loving the character."

Carano's appreciation for Fisher's work comes from being introduced to the "Star Wars" franchise through her stepfather when she was a teenager. "A New Hope" was the first film they watched together, which helped them bond.

The realization that she was part of the Star Wars universe hit Carano on her first day of filming. She recalls how seeing herself in full

**'We feel like this women's movement is new, but it isn't new. There have been massive female heroes through history and Carrie Fisher was one of them in Star Wars as well as life.'**

Gina Carano

costume was one of the most unforgettable moments in her career.

The Texas native had worked on a few TV and film projects before landing the role in the Star Wars universe, but nothing that required as much acting and physical activity as "The Mandalorian." Her previous credits include "Deadpool," "Blood and Bone," "American Gladiator" and "Haywire," all productions that banked heavily on her major strength of being involved with mixed martial arts for years.

She was such a popular fighter that Carano was once called the face of women's MMA. During her career she put together a record of 12-1-1 in Muay Thai and a 7-1 in women's MMA.

"Stuntwomen with me are usually pretty bored," Carano says. "I am a very strong believer that when you give someone a big opportunity who is an athlete, that physicality should be used. Everybody tells you to stay in your lane. But if you are on the public's radar, you are a performer."

"In some way, they love to watch you. And if they love to watch you, they are going to watch you do that."

## Taylor Swift to perform concert at Final Four in Atlanta

Associated Press

Taylor Swift will perform at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta during Final Four weekend of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The 10-time Grammy Award-winning singer will headline the Capital One JamFest on April 5, the finale of the three-day March Madness Music Festival.

The Final Four is set for Mercedes-Benz Stadium on April 4 and 6.

The free concert is Swift's only U.S. show scheduled so far in 2020 other than that her Lover Fest West concerts at the new SoFi Stadium near Los Angeles on July 25-26 and Lover Fest East in suburban Boston on July 31 and Aug. 1. She will tour Europe and Brazil beginning in late June.

### Mariah Carey memoir on Cohen imprint

A memoir by Mariah Carey about her journey to superstar status is on the list of titles from Andy Cohen Books.

Henry Holt and Company announced Thursday that Cohen's self-named imprint, which was announced in 2016, will launch

in 2020. It says the imprint will feature three nonfiction works by women.

Cohen is the TV producer behind the "Real Housewives" Bravo franchise and host of "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen."

Holt is the publisher of Cohen's three best-sellers: "Most Talkative," "The Andy Cohen Diaries" and "Superficial."

### Other news

■ British singer Pete Doherty was arrested in Paris for allegedly buying cocaine. The prosecutor's office said the 40-year-old Libertines and Babyshambles frontman was detained Thursday night after being stopped by police. Rising to fame in the 2000s, Doherty has been repeatedly arrested for drug offenses.

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## OPINION

## Veterans know service can be all-consuming

By KATHY PLATONI  
Special to Stars and Stripes

Veterans day once signified something: a day of remembrance set aside to pay tribute to those who have worn the uniform in service of their country as a member of the U.S. armed forces. Too many of us are stirred only by a day off for ingesting all things artery-clogging and nursing what amounts to the next day's hangover or taking full advantage of all things selling for slashed prices at the nearest mall. We veterans long ago wrote that blank check for the price of that freedom, paid for in blood and untold and long forgotten sacrifices.

The time is long past due to shelve self-absorption and the familiar litany of insults that have become household terms of indignity by those who dare to demean our military service — and public assaults by the largely uninformed, as if we could “just get over it.” We must instead seize the opportunity as Americans to come together to pay homage and demonstrate reverence and regard for the enormous cost of serving this great nation.

For many, military service has been rendered meaningless to the populace at large by the vast division between our citizenry and the warrior class voluntarily sworn with protecting and defending them. Most of our country has been largely unaffected by the longest era of war in U.S. history. Those of us who have ever worn the uniform have had our lives expended countless times by repeated deployments, witnessing our brothers and sisters in arms killed and maimed for life, with festering wounds that do not bleed, and return to a nation that remains clueless and detached from our indescribable plight and knows only the war they view on television.

That we all have some and that some

gave all remains an elusive concept that will never obscure the consciousness of the 99.5% of the population and the vast numbers of those who find it gratifying to kneel in shame before the American flag and the national anthem. Thank a veteran every time you sleep well at night.

The toll of war and military service is staggering. It is the taking of lives and the killing of souls that follows that have become the other signature wounds of war. It comes in the form of nightmares and flashbacks and intrusive memories, as we are forced to bear the burdens of reliving the sights and sounds and smells of the bodies of children piling up in the streets of remote villages, soaked in excrement and carpeted with burned tires, all because they fired upon American troops and you had no choice but to “take them out” to spare the lives of your own.

It is an “us versus them” kind of thing. Dreadful, horrible things happen in the fog of war. They erupt in the most unexpected of moments and it is those of us who have worn the uniform who are forced to live with the recklessness of war, cast upon us without any say in the matter. Scores of the more than 2.6 million of us who have served in the combat theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan have now returned home, profoundly affected by the mind deafening quagmire of an adrenaline rich and rapacious frenzy, pride for having served and made it home alive and with a couple of medals to prove it, and a steaming brew of moral confusion, survivor guilt, and minds that have failed to be bulletproof to the experiences of war that live in the shadows and the darkest recesses of our minds and within our families.

It is not the cause of freedom that draws us to war nearly so much as safeguarding the lives of our friends and ties that unite us in times of unparalleled suffering and

catastrophe, forging relationships that will endure for lifetimes, often exceeding the closeness of family. Departing this and attempting to replace it on the home front becomes the new struggle, as those willing to lay down their lives are among life's most treasured keepsakes.

Leaving this behind is easily an immense loss. If nothing else, it is ours to seize the knowledge garnered from survivorship in the face of human tragedy and the interconnectedness of those flung together under the most cataclysmic of life circumstances. It is in one another that the will and determination to survive the unfathomable is fueled and from which resilience thrives.

And so it is in the aftermath of these events that we must hang together so that our souls do not perish in the pangs of an emotionally amputated life. What we must prevent at all costs is the disintegration of these imperatives on the home front. We must seek every opportunity to perpetuate the lessons that remain pure sustenance, to celebrate the invincibility of the human spirit.

Admittedly, there are more than a few of us who would not seek to repeat these death-defying experiences, to do this wartime thing all over again, to render ourselves vulnerable to an early demise just for the opportunity to re-experience the camaraderie, the closeness of kinship that once sustained us and that is pivotal to our emotional survival in war's aftermath. We are among that exclusive class of warriors who would rather die for something than from something.

Kathy Platoni is a retired Army colonel who served in operations Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. She is a clinical psychologist based in Centerville, Ohio, who co-authored and edited “Trauma in Its Wake: Following the Circle of Healing and ‘Holding War Trauma: A Handbook of Creative Approaches.’”

## Add anti-sexual assault measures to ‘skinny’ NDAA

By ROSE CARMEN GOLDBERG  
Special to Stars and Stripes

This Veterans Day, America is still fighting the longest war in its history. Eighteen years have passed since we went to war in Afghanistan. This will undoubtedly be on the nation's mind today as we honor those who have served. But there's a battle the U.S. has been waging for longer: the fight against military sexual assault. Today, we should also return to a nation that should fight back in earnest. It should start by passing vital reforms trapped in the stalled National Defense Authorization Act.

Though the military's sexual assault problem only hit mainstream consciousness in the past decade or so, it's far from new. Research documents military sexual trauma going back to World War II, when the number of women in uniform increased to more than 400,000. Over time, it has gotten worse. Between 2016 and 2018, for instance, sexual assault in the military increased by almost 38 percent. In human terms, this means 20,500 service members were assaulted last year.

As the public's awareness of this crisis has increased, so has Congress'. And one of Congress' most powerful tools for responding is the NDAA. Congress has a strong track record with the NDAA — it's been signed into law for almost 60 years running. In recent years, it has contained critical sexual assault provisions. Last year the NDAA established procedures for expedited transfers for victims, required data on retaliation against victims, and made

domestic violence a crime under military law.

This year's NDAA is likewise poised to make powerful changes. Both the Senate and House versions would create a “Safe to Report” policy. This program would ensure victims aren't deterred from reporting as assault for fear the prosecution will turn on them if they committed minor misconduct. This could help turn the high level of non-reporting on its head. Last year, almost 80 percent of victims didn't report their assaults.

The current NDAA drafts also propose training Special Victims' Counsel on civilian criminal processes, so they can give informed advice to victims on which jurisdiction to choose. Civilian and military prosecutions vary widely. As a result, forum selection can determine whether justice is served.

Importantly, this year's NDAA could require that commanders keep victims informed of every key development in the military's investigation and prosecution of their case. In addition, the House has proposed the creation of an independent sexual assault prosecutor for the service academies. This would help tackle any bias in prosecutorial decision-making.

These are much needed reforms. But with the end of the legislative calendar fast approaching, they hit a big snag. Instead of reconciling their two versions of the NDAA, the Senate and the House came to a stalemate over President Donald Trump's border wall. The House version of the NDAA would ban use of Pentagon funds for the wall. The Senate version, in contrast, would replenish the billions of

dollars Trump has already taken from military construction funds for the wall.

In response to this impasse, Senate Armed Services Chairman Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., came up with a backup plan. At the end of October, he released a “skinny” version of the NDAA — the “Essential National Security Authorities Act for Fiscal Year 2020” — which would renew authorities set to expire at the end of the year. This would ensure that military construction projects and bonus pay for service members, among other things, don't get interrupted if Congress fails to timely pass a full version of the NDAA.

But the skinny bill's list of “essentials” has a conspicuous gap. It's silent on military sexual assault. This means that if the Senate and House keep fighting over the border wall, as is likely, and Inhofe's skinny bill is all the compromise Congress can muster, sexual assault victims will be left behind. They'll have to wait until the Senate and House can come to an agreement on the wall. They shouldn't hold their breath.

This Veterans Day, let's honor those who serve by stop holding them hostage to politics. With no end to the infighting over the border wall in sight, Congress should create another “skinny” NDAA. This time, with sexual assault provisions. If we can't think about Trump's wall, we can all agree that military sexual assault must stop.

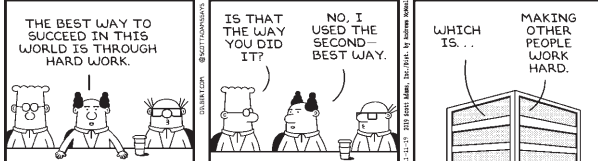
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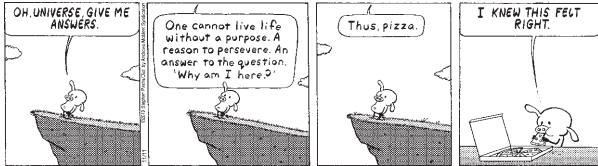
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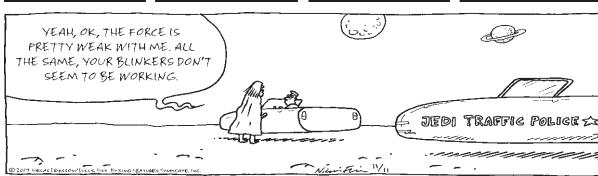
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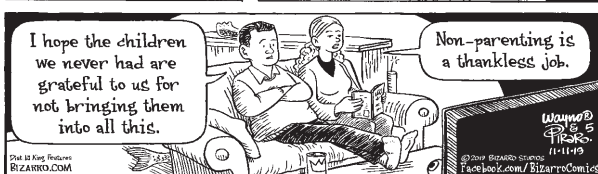
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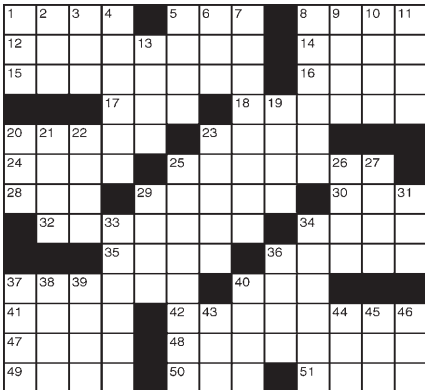
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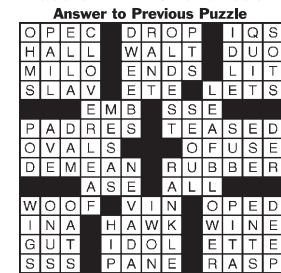


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- 5 JFK's veep
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- 12 School fundraiser
- 14 Six-sided state
- 15 "Moneyball" actor
- 16 Roof overhang
- 17 Pantheon member
- 18 Attached with glue
- 20 "American Buffalo" playwright
- 23 Pickling herb
- 24 Blacken on a grill
- 25 1968 Steve McQueen film
- 28 Lincoln or Ford
- 29 Two-tone cookies
- 30 King, in Cannes
- 32 Sinclair Lewis' conformist
- 34 Gear teeth
- 35 Billions of years
- 36 Hill of "Moneyball"
- 37 Eggnog sprinkling
- 40 Bottom line
- 41 Jacob's twin
- 42 Pan handler?
- 47 Collections
- 48 Transferred files

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- 49 Elm or oak
- 50 Airport screening org.
- 51 Lays down the lawn
- 20 Cato's 1200
- 21 Melville captain
- 22 Actress Kate
- 23 Songs for two
- 25 Accentuate
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Forum wear
- 29 Reed instrument
- 31 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 33 Perplex
- 34 Punctuation marks that may give you pause?
- 36 Jupiter's wife
- 37 Bird's home
- 38 —-friendly
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- 43 #2 execs
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals B







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## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Boston	16	11	2	2	24	24
Toronto	18	9	5	4	22	30
Montreal	16	7	6	3	21	41
Buffalo	17	9	6	2	20	50
Florida	16	7	6	5	19	56
Tampa Bay	18	6	6	6	18	41
Detroit	16	6	10	1	13	51
Washington	16	6	10	1	13	50
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
N.Y. Islanders	16	12	3	1	25	49
Pittsburgh	17	10	6	1	21	58
Philadelphia	16	9	5	2	20	53
Carolina	17	9	7	1	19	53
N.Y. Rangers	14	7	5	2	16	45
Columbus	17	6	8	3	15	50
New Jersey	15	4	4	7	12	60

## Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
St. Louis	18	12	3	3	27	57
Colorado	18	10	5	3	23	52
Nashville	17	9	5	3	21	65
Winnipeg	17	9	7	1	19	48
Calgary	17	7	8	2	16	54
Chicago	16	5	9	4	14	49
Minnesota	17	10	4	3	23	46
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Edmonton	18	11	5	2	24	52
Calgary	18	11	5	2	23	59
Vancouver	17	9	6	2	21	57
Vegas	18	10	5	3	23	54
Arizona	17	9	6	2	20	49
San Jose	17	7	8	2	16	48
Los Angeles	17	10	11	1	21	43

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss, top three teams in conference advance to playoffs.

Detroit	4	Boston	2
Winnipeg	4	Vancouver	1
Edmonton	4	New Jersey	0
Saturday's games			
N.Y. Islanders	2	Florida	1
Tampa Bay	5	Buffalo	3
Montreal	3	Los Angeles	2
Pittsburgh	3	Chicago	2
San Jose	2	SO	
Philadelphia	3	Toronto	2
SO			
Ottawa	4	Carolina	1
Washington	5	Vegas	2
Minnesota	4	Arizona	3
Colorado	4	Columbus	2
St. Louis	3	Calgary	2
OT			
San Jose	2	Nashville	1
SO			
Sunday's games			
Florida	at	N.Y. Rangers	
Dallas	at	Winnipeg	
New Jersey	at	Vancouver	
Vegas	at	Detroit	
Toronto	at	Chicago	
Philadelphia	at	Boston	
Edmonton	at	Anaheim	
Monday's games			
Ottawa	at	Carolina	
Arizona	at	Washington	

## Saturday

Blues 3, Flames 2 (OT)						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
St. Louis	1	1	0	1-3	2	3
San Jose	1	1	0	1-3	2	3
First Period—	1	St. Louis	Barbashev	2	2	1
Second Period—	1	St. Louis	O'Reilly	5	5	1
Third Period—	1	St. Louis	O'Reilly	5	5	1
Overtime—	1	St. Louis	Carroll	8	8	1
Shots on goal—	1	St. Louis	12-10-4-2	2	2	1
Power-play opportunities—	1	St. Louis	2 of 3	2	2	1
Goals—	1	St. Louis	Binnington	9-2-3	2	2
(29 shots-27 saves), Calgary	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—19,289 (19,289), T—2:33.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Senators 4, Hurricanes 1

Senators 4, Hurricanes 1						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Ottawa	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
First Period—	1	Ottawa	Chapnik	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	Ottawa	Chapnik	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	Ottawa	Chapnik	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	Ottawa	Chapnik	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Ottawa	11-11-3-13	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Ottawa	11-11-3-13	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Ottawa	Binnington	9-2-3	2	2
(29 shots-27 saves), Calgary	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—19,289 (19,289), T—2:33.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Sharks 2, Predators 1 (SO)

Sharks 2, Predators 1 (SO)						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Nashville	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
San Jose	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
First Period—	1	Nashville	Forsberg	2	2	1
Second Period—	1	Nashville	Forsberg	2	2	1
Third Period—	1	Nashville	Forsberg	2	2	1
Overtime—	1	Nashville	Forsberg	2	2	1
Shots on goal—	1	Nashville	11-11-3-13	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Nashville	11-11-3-13	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Nashville	Saros	1-4-1	2	2
(32 shots-27 saves), Washington	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—17,562 (17,562), T—2:36.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2



New York Islanders goaltender Thomas Greiss stopped 37 shots to lead his team to a 2-1 defeat of the Florida Panthers on Saturday.

Lightning 5, Sabres 3						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	1-3	2	2
First Period—	1	Buffalo	Reimer	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	Buffalo	Reimer	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	Buffalo	Reimer	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	Buffalo	Reimer	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Buffalo	17-13-13-43	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Buffalo	17-13-13-43	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Buffalo	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(29 shots-27 saves), Calgary	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—19,289 (19,289), T—2:33.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Islanders 2, Panthers 1

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
First Period—	1	N.Y. Islanders	Barzal	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	N.Y. Islanders	Barzal	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	N.Y. Islanders	Barzal	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	N.Y. Islanders	Barzal	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	N.Y. Islanders	14-8-16-38	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	N.Y. Islanders	14-8-16-38	2	2	2
Goals—	1	N.Y. Islanders	Barzal	6-50	2	2
(36 shots-34 saves), N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—13,100 (13,795), T—2:43.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Flies 3, Maple Leafs 2 (SO)

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Philadelphia	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
Toronto	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
First Period—	1	Philadelphia	Myers	2	2	1
Second Period—	1	Philadelphia	Myers	2	2	1
Third Period—	1	Philadelphia	Myers	2	2	1
Overtime—	1	Philadelphia	Myers	2	2	1
Shots on goal—	1	Philadelphia	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Philadelphia	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Philadelphia	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(29 shots-27 saves), Calgary	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—19,279 (18,819), T—2:55.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Penguins 3, Blackhawks 2 (SO)

Penguins 3, Blackhawks 2 (SO)						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Chicago	1	0	2	0-2	0	2
Pittsburgh	1	0	2	0-2	0	2
First Period—	1	Chicago	Kubacki	4	4	1
Second Period—	1	Chicago	Kubacki	4	4	1
Third Period—	1	Chicago	Kubacki	4	4	1
Overtime—	1	Chicago	Kubacki	4	4	1
Shots on goal—	1	Chicago	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Chicago	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Chicago	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(29 shots-27 saves), Calgary	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—19,289 (19,289), T—2:33.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Capitals 5, Knights 2

Capitals 5, Knights 2						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Vegas	1	1	0	2-5	2	5
Washington	1	1	0	2-5	2	5
First Period—	1	Vegas	2	2	1	1
Second Period—	1	Vegas	2	2	1	1
Third Period—	1	Vegas	2	2	1	1
Overtime—	1	Vegas	2	2	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Vegas	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Vegas	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Vegas	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(32 shots-27 saves), Washington	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—18,553 (18,387), T—2:36.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2



NEW YORK — Scott Mayfield scored in the third period, Thomas Greiss stopped 37 shots and the New York Islanders beat the Florida Panthers 2-1 on Saturday for their 11th win in 12 games.

Avalanche 4, Blue Jackets 2						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Colorado	1	1	0	1-3	2	2
First Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Colorado	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Colorado	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Colorado	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(36 shots-34 saves), N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—13,100 (13,795), T—2:43.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Avalanche 4, Blue Jackets 2

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Colorado	1	1	0	1-3	2	2
First Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	Colorado	Strom	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Colorado	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Colorado	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Colorado	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(36 shots-34 saves), N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—13,100 (13,795), T—2:43.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Wild 4, Coyotes 3

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GA
Minnesota	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
Arizona	1	0	1	0-1	0	1
First Period—	1	Arizona	Grabner	1-4	1	1
Second Period—	1	Arizona	Grabner	1-4	1	1
Third Period—	1	Arizona	Grabner	1-4	1	1
Overtime—	1	Arizona	Grabner	1-4	1	1
Shots on goal—	1	Arizona	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Power-play opportunities—	1	Arizona	11-11-8-40	2	2	2
Goals—	1	Arizona	Reimer	9-2-3	2	2
(36 shots-34 saves), Colorado	1	1	1	1-3	2	2
A—13,100 (13,795), T—2:43.	1	1	1	1-3	2	2

## Canadians 3, Kings 2

**2** Third Period—7, Minnesota, Hartman  
**2** (Spurgeon, Suter), 4:54.  
**Shots on Goal—Minnesota** 5-14-5-24  
**Arizona** 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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Ryker Hemmers had never scored a touchdown in 11 years of playing organized football, from youth to high school level.

He could not have picked a better time to start.

The junior fullback-linebacker rushed for a first-quarter touchdown and later returned an interception 72 yards for what proved to be the game-winning score.

Kadena's defense did the rest, halting Humphreys on a goal-line stand as time ran out on a 14-12 Panthers victory in Saturday's Far East Division I championship game.

"It feels amazing," Hemmers said. "First points I ever scored. I couldn't have even predicted that."

Few among Kadena football followers might have predicted that a team that graduated 18 seniors would somehow have made it back to the D-I final for a Pacific-record 12th time, much less win a Pacific-region seventh time.

"It means this program is doing these young men good," coach Sergio Mendoza said. "We always believe in persisting. The only way you can see right is with our hearts, and that's what they've done all season."

While much of the attention was focused on shifty, speedy, explosive running backs such as Markell Shelton and Alfonso Mendez, Hemmers was always there, week in

and week out, not doing much of anything flashy, but routine things that make a team successful.

"It's a ground-pounding job, just blocking for my running backs and my quarterback, getting the job done every game," Hemmers said.

His 6-yard touchdown run with 4:17 left in the first quarter that gave the Panthers (7-0) a 7-0 lead was a prime example, as he just balled his way through the line and into the end zone, nothing flashy or spectacular, just a blue-collar, lunch-bucket play.

From there, the game remained a defensive struggle through the rest of the first half.

Humphreys (4-2) came to life late in the third quarter when the defense held on a Kadena fake-punt attempt. Four plays later, Deontaye Gregory hit Brenton Carver for a 12-yard scoring pass.

But James Ahn's point-after kick was blocked by Kadena's Dean Owen and the Panthers held on to a one-point edge. It stayed 7-6 through the third quarter.

On the final period's initial play, Gregory had to scoop an errant snap that nearly went as a fumble. Facing pressure, he threw a pass that Hemmers picked off and ran and ran and ran.

"Being in the right place at the right time," Hemmers said. "I saw a hole and just took off. I had a lot of great blocks."

Joey Putterbaugh's second of two point-after kicks gave Kadena a 14-6 lead — kicks that would matter a lot later in the contest.



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**Kadena's Ryker Hemmers fights for yardage against Humphreys on Saturday in the Division I championship. Hemmers scored two TDs to lead the Panthers to the title.**

Gregory took a bad snap on a broken play 21 yards for a touchdown with 3:55 left. But his two-point pass attempt sailed over tight end Collin Metcalf's head and Kadena maintained a two-point edge.

Humphreys had one more chance, taking over at Kadena's 38-yard line with 2:15 left. The Blackhawks drove to the goal line, where a Panthers line surge kept Gregory out of the end zone as time ran out.

Blackhawks coach Steven Elliott said the game was "everything it is was hyped up to be. Football is a game of inches and that's what it came down to."

Hemmers finished with 55 yards on nine carries and 127 all-purpose yards. Freshman Markell Shelton led Kadena with 108 yards on 21 carries.

For the Blackhawks, Gregory was 7-for-20 for 130 yards. David Key had 58 yards on 19 carries. Carver had three catches for 82 yards and Collin Metcalf 47 yards on four receptions.

This was the Blackhawks' third appearance in a Far East football final, but the previous two times, in 2016 and 2017, were as a Division II school.

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## Jackson helps Zama cap perfect season with DII title

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CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Scott Bolin said he'd waited for Brenden Jackson to reach the ninth grade so he could go out for Zama's football team. On Friday, the coach's patience was more than rewarded.

The freshman running back/wide receiver ran for three touchdowns and caught a pass for a score, and the Trojans scored 47 unanswered points after falling behind by a touchdown to capture the Far East Division II title with a 47-13 romp over M.C. Perry.

"He's a kid we've been wanting and waiting to develop," Bolin said after getting the customary water-bucket shower after the game. "He's nothing but a football player, he works hard, always wants more and always has a smile when he does."

Jackson carried 15 times for 146 yards, including two TDs of 26 yards and one of 8, leading a Zama onslaught that saw the Trojans gain 409 offensive yards.

"Without the offensive line, without the quarterback to hand me the ball, there's nothing," Jackson said. "It's about the team and the whole."

With the victory, the Trojans (6-0) won the D-II title for the third time in school history, and the first time since 2012. Zama reached the final a year ago, also



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**Zama American's Brenden Jackson gets an escort around left end against Perry in the Division II championship game on Friday. Jackson rushed for 146 yards and three touchdowns in the victory.**

at home, but lost 24-20 to Osan.

"For the past six years, we've built up to this point," Bolin said. "This year, the kids really bought into it. They played for each other this season in a big way. I hope we continue to build on that success."

They've earned it."

The Samurai (6-2) went unbeaten against every team they played except for the Trojans; Zama beat Perry 36-14 two weeks ago in their first meeting.

In the rematch, the Samurai

were held to just 59 yards on 37 plays, and only two first downs, none until the end of the third quarter.

Given the injuries that left Perry without four key starters, "we maximized what we had,"

coach Frank Macias said. "There was no quit in them. I told our guys at halftime, we were playing a complete team, a team that plays state varsity football. They pumped on all cylinders."

Justin Andres gave the Samurai a short-lived 6-0 lead when he picked off a pass by Zama's Tim Matelski and returned it 46 yards for a TD.

But it was all Trojans from there. Matelski went 14-for-22 for a season-high 244 yards and four touchdowns, and spread the wealth, throwing scoring passes to three receivers.

Besides Jackson, Chandler Platt caught five passes for 81 yards, including two 15-yard scoring tosses. One of them was set up by his own 82-yard return of a missed Perry field goal.

"This was the goal," Platt said as the players gathered around the championship banner.

Keshawn McNeill had 64 yards on three catches, including a 31-yard scoring catch, and Luke Singer had a team-high 93 yards on four receptions.

The other bright spot for the Samurai was senior Marshall China, who in his last game had a team-high 82 yards on 16 tries, including a 25-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

"Perry has a phenomenal program," Bolin said. "They will always give us their very best, and they did."

# HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Far East volleyball tournament

# Trojans end trophy drought with Div. II title

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Despite carrying plenty of individual talent on their roster, finishing plays and finishing matches always seemed to be the Zama girls volleyball team's hang-up.

At least until Saturday.

Grace Bryant and the Trojans ended a 22-year Far East tournament title drought by winning their first Division II championship, sweeping Edgren 25-22, 25-17, 25-15 at Humphreys High School.

"It hasn't sunk in at all," said Bryant, a junior outside hitter who had 20 kills against the Eagles.

The win was sweet redemption for a Trojans team that lost in last year's final to Christian Academy Japan. It was Zama's fifth Far East volleyball tournament banner, but first since winning the D-I title on its home court in 1997.

"Finishing was the key this time," Bryant said. "We wanted to finish. In my head, I was replaying last year, and I didn't want to feel that pain any more. Every time we made a mistake, we didn't worry about it. We just made up for it, we loved and trusted each other."

Jessica Atkinson added seven kills and six block points, while the setting tandem of Jazlyn Rioux and Iris Hirata combined for 32 assists.

"I'm in shock and not because we won, but because they played so phenomenally," coach Veronica Jones said of her Trojans, adding that her players felt that they "didn't bring everything they could" to the final a year ago.

"They were hungry for this win. They pushed for every single point. Their heart, their determination, their love for each other on the court. This may be my most cohesive team as far as caring for each other."

The win was also the first plank of a Kanto Plain sweep of both Far East tournament titles. Seisen dethroned defending champion Kubasaki in straight sets, 25-17, 28-26, 25-9, behind Sarah Atanacio's 14 kills.

That result was also redemption for last year's final, in which the Phoenix led by two sets, only to lose the last three to Kubasaki. Co Elizabeth



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**Zama's Grace Bryant, last year's D-II MVP, had 20 kills to pace the Trojans past Edgren in Saturday's Division III Far East volleyball final.**

Jury said the second-set win Saturday was clutch.

"I told the girls we can't relax" after that set, Jury said, reminding her girls of what happened a year ago.

"I told them we have more senior experience and to use it. This feels amazing and well-earned. They have worked so hard."

For the Dragons, reaching the Far East final for the sixth time in seven years far outpaced any expectations that a rebuilding team could have had, coach Mike Hogen said. "They played really well at times," Hogen said.

For both championship schools, it was the continuation of Far East success earlier this week:

■ Zama won its third Far East D-II football banner, beating M.C. Perry 47-13 on Friday.

■ Seisen's tennis and cross country teams also captured Far East Division I titles.

## Far East tennis tournament

# Kinnick's Posthumus finishes 2nd

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Daniel Posthumus of Kinnick came up short in his bid to become the first DODEA Pacific boys singles champion in a Far East tennis tournament in 11 years, losing 7-5, 6-4 to Matti Bistriveau of St. Mary's on Saturday.

The Red Devils senior is the first DODEA player to finish as a runner-up since 2010, when Arlo Taylor of Kadena lost in the finals.

"It felt really good" to finish that high, Posthumus said. The match was good and competitive, a couple of points here or there, it could have gone either way. And to compete at that level, I never thought I could do that."

The first set seesawed in the early games until the 10th game of the first set, when Bistriveau rallied to win the last three games. Posthumus said his first serve started giving out on him and he

failed to convert key points with his forehand.

"I started to give away too many free points," Posthumus said.

Meanwhile, sophomore Ally Johnson of Kadena became the highest-finishing DODEA Pacific girls singles player, taking third place after an 8-3 win over Humphreys' Melissa Pritchett in a battle of district champions.

Johnson is the two-time Okinawa district singles and doubles champion, while Pritchett took first place in the Korea Red Division tournament and regular season.

"I'm speechless," Johnson said.

Johnson fell to the third-place match after losing in Friday's semifinal, 6-4, 6-4 to Debanghi Mohanta of Seisen.

After Saturday's third-place match, Johnson gushed about international school players' abilities, honing the skills by playing year-round and bonding as a team throughout the course

of the season.

"The private school players, they are so unbelievable, they are so talented," Johnson said.

So much so that St. Mary's and Seisen captured first place in all events except the boys doubles, won by Ian Choi and David Lee of Yongsan.

Mohanta's teammate, Sarah Omachi, repeated as girls singles champion, then the two teamed to repeat as girls doubles champions, and Yuta Hatanaka of St. Mary's and Lauren Woody of Seisen collaborated on the mixed doubles crown.

Of having to play against each other after winning the girls doubles, Omachi said: "It was scary. We practice a lot together and we know about each other's strengths and weaknesses. But when it's over, we're still teammates, we're still friends."

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## Roundup

# Coleman, Liddell lead Texas past No. 23 Purdue

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Texas' defense spent most of Saturday night harassing Purdue's scorers.

Eventually, all that work paid off.

The Longhorns forced three straight turnovers late in the game and took advantage of the miscues to score nine straight points, leaving town with a 70-66 upset over the No. 23 Boilermakers.

"The key for us was just hanging in there on defense even though they were bombing threats in the first half," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "That's a big no-no for us and our defense to give up threes. So for them to hit those first five were huge. But I thought our guys hung in there and adjusted."

It was a monumental moment for the reigning NTJ champions.

The Longhorns (2-0) won their seventh straight, snapped the nation's fifth-longest home-court winning streak at 18 and became the first non-conference foe to win at Purdue since No. 3 Villanova on Nov. 13, 2016. And they did it after the Boilermakers won on a 7-1 run to take a 62-57 lead with 3:14 to go.

Matt Coleman III scored 22 points and Gerald Liddell added 14 points and eight rebounds, both career bests, to lead Texas.

Smart was more impressed, though, with his team's ability to buckle down and grind out a victory even when all almost seemed lost.

"For our guys to come in here and withstand their runs, stay together and continue fighting a lot of mistakes, I think it says that we can be a really good team," Smart said. "We've got a long way to go."

Purdue was led by Sasha Stefanovic, who had 14 points, and Eric Hunter Jr. and Jahaid Proctor, who each had 12.

But the problem: A brutal sequence in which the Boilermakers couldn't do anything right.

When Aaron Wheeler fumbled the ball out of bounds, Liddell answered with a long jumper. When Matt Haarms was called for an offensive foul with 2:07 left, Jericho Sims responded with a dunk to make it 62-61. And when Hunter lost the ball off his knee, Jase Febres made the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:25 to go.

The Longhorns never trailed again, closing it out at the free-throw line.

**No. 7 Maryland 73, Rhode Island 55** — Jaden Smith had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Antho-

ny Cowan Jr. scored all 14 of his points in the second half and the turnover-prone Terrapins overcame a sloppy start at home.

Eric Ayala and Aaron Wiggins each had 13 points for Maryland (2-0), and Wiggins had 13 rebounds.

**No. 8 Gonzaga 110, Arkansas-pine Bluff 60**: Filip Petrushev scored a career-high 25 points on 9-for-10 shooting and the host Zags won easily.

Drew Timme and Admon Gilder each scored 15 points and Ryan Woolridge added 14 points and nine assists for Gonzaga (2-0). Shaun Doss scored 15 points for the Golden Lions (0-2).

The Zags scored 10 of the final 11 points to take a 56-30 lead at halftime, behind 58.6% shooting.

**No. 12 Seton Hall 74, Stony Brook 57**: Romario Gill had 10 points and 10 assists and Sandro Mamukelashvili scored 17 points in Pirates coach Kevin Willard's return.

Seton Hall (2-0), playing at home, withstood an ankle injury to Myles Poteff, the Big East preseason player of the year and an Associated Press preseason All-America selection. He sprained his left ankle early in the game.

The school announced Oct. 29 that the NCAA is investigating the program and Willard would be sitting out two games. Willard sat out an exhibition game and the opener against Wagner.

**No. 13 Texas Tech 79, Bethune-Cookman 44**: TJ Holyfield scored 20 points to lead the host Red Raiders. Texas Tech (2-0) has won its first two games by a combined 70 points. The Red Raiders have only three returners from the team that lost to Virginia in last season's national championship game.

**No. 15 Oregon 106, Boise State 75**: Anthony Mathis scored a career high 30 points and the host Ducks routed the Broncos.

Mathis, in his second game with Oregon after transferring from New Mexico for his final season, made 10 of 12 shots from the field overall, including 9-for-11 from three-point range. The Ducks (2-0) shot 42-for-60 (70%) from the field overall, and made 13 of 19 three-point attempts.

**Air Force 79, Texas State 71**: Sid Tomes posted 19 points to lead the host Falcons.

Lavelle Scottie had 15 points and eight rebounds for Air Force (1-1). A.J. Walker added 12 points. Chris Joyce had 11 points and six rebounds for the home team.

Mason Harrell had 15 points for the Bobcats (1-1).

# NBA

## Roundup

# Celtics rout Spurs, lose Hayward to broken hand

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO—In the midst of Boston's most dominant performance of the season, Celtics point guard Kemba Walker could only muster anger and confusion after learning Gordon Hayward broke his left hand.

Jaylen Brown scored 30 points and Boston routed the San Antonio Spurs 135-115 on Saturday in a victory tempered by the loss of Hayward, who will miss at least a month and could face surgery after breaking his left hand late in the first half.

"It was in shock," Walker said. "In those kinds of situations, it's kind of hard to say anything. You just don't even know what to say sometimes. We're going to miss him for the time that he's out."

Walker added 26 points as Boston (7-1) won its seventh straight game and set season highs for total points, first-quarter scoring (39 points) and first-half scoring (72 points).

There was a somberness to the victory, though, after Hayward suffered his second significant injury since signing with the Celtics three seasons ago. The 6-foot-7 forward missed the 2017 season after breaking his leg six minutes into Boston's season opener.

"This one doesn't feel near as bad as it did two years ago," Boston coach Brad Stevens said. "So, he'll be back. Be off for a few weeks or a month or whatever it is."

The Celtics forward broke his left hand after colliding with San Antonio's LaMarcus Aldridge with just over a minute remaining in the first half. Hayward was sent for an X-ray that confirmed the diagnosis. He did not return to the game.

Going to get with the doctors tomorrow and decide if he needs to do surgery or not," Stevens said. "Sounds like should be a better time that the surgery option (is best). So, we'll see what that all plays out to be."

Walker deRozar had 22 points for the Spurs (5-4), who trailed by as many as 22 points in a lull after effort of an early tipoff.

**Pelicans 115, Hornets 110:** Brandon Ingram had 25 points and nine rebounds, and New Orleans overcame 26 turnovers to win at Charlotte and snap a three-game losing streak.

JJ Redick had 22 points on five three-pointers and Jrue Holiday added 12 points and 11 assists for the Pelicans (2-7).

Ingram, who was born and raised in Kinston, N.C., finished 8-for-12 from the field and had 10 points in the fourth quarter while the Hornets went cold down the stretch.



DARRIN ABATE/AP

**Jaylen Brown led the Boston Celtics with 30 points in a 135-115 defeat of the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday in San Antonio.**

Devonte Graham led the Hornets with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Terry Rozier had 18 points. However, both players shot 5-for-14 from the field and the Hornets were limited to 41% shooting as a team.

**Rockets 117, Bulls 94:** James Harden narrowly missed his first triple-double of the season, finishing with 44 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as Houston pulled away in the second half to win at Chicago.

Russell Westbrook scored 26 points as the Rockets won their third straight.

Wendell Carter Jr. had 13 points and 16 rebounds for the Bulls, who have dropped six of eight.

The Bulls were a woeful 4-for-32 shooting from three-point range.

**Mavericks 138, Grizzlies 122:** Luka Doncic fell just short of a triple-double with 24 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists to lead Dallas to a win at Memphis.

Doncic recorded his stats in three quarters as Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle sat the sec-

ond-year guard while Dallas maintained a double-digit lead in the final period. Kristaps Porzingis already had taken the night off recovering from a left knee injury.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 20 points for the Mavericks, Justin Jackson had 17 points and Seth Curry scored 16, all in the first half. Jaren Jackson Jr. led the Grizzlies with 23 points on 10-for-17 shooting from the field, including a pair of three-pointers. Jay Crowder added 18 points for Memphis.

**Thunder 114, Warriors 108:** Danilo Gallinari scored 19 points, Dennis Schroder added 18, and host Oklahoma City beat short-handed Golden State.

Chris Paul had 16 points and nine assists, Steven Adams scored 13 and Shai Gilge-Alexander added 12 to help the Thunder beat the Warriors for the second time this season. Oklahoma has won three of its last four games.

D'Angelo Russell scored 17 of his 30 points in the third quarter to lead Golden State.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	0
Toronto	2	1	.667	1
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1
Brooklyn	4	2	.667	1
New York	4	2	.667	1

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	3	1	.750	0
Atlanta	3	1	.750	0
Orlando	3	1	.750	0
Washington	3	1	.750	0
Charlotte	3	1	.750	0

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	0
Indiana	4	1	.800	0
Detroit	4	1	.800	0
Cleveland	4	1	.800	0
Chicago	4	1	.800	0

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	3	.667	0
Dallas	6	3	.667	0
San Antonio	4	5	.444	1
New Orleans	2	7	.222	3
Memphis	2	7	.222	3

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	6	3	.667	0
Utah	6	3	.667	0
Minnesota	4	5	.444	1
Oklahoma City	4	5	.444	1
Portland	4	5	.444	1

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	7	1	.875	0
L.A. Clippers	6	2	.750	1
Phoenix	5	3	.625	2
Sacramento	5	3	.625	2
Golden State	2	8	.200	6

Friday's games				
Cleveland 113, Washington 100				
Indiana 112, Detroit 106				
Orlando 118, Memphis 88				
Sacramento 121, Atlanta 109				
Minnesota 125, Golden State 119				
Toronto 122, New Orleans 104				
New York 106, Dallas 104				
Denver 100, Philadelphia 97				
Utah 103, Milwaukee 100				
Brooklyn 119, Portland 115				
L.A. Lakers 95, Miami 80				

Saturday's games				
Boston 135, San Antonio 115				
New Orleans 115, Charlotte 110				
Dallas 138, Memphis 122				
Houston 117, Chicago 94				
Oklahoma City 114, Golden State 108				

Sunday's games				
Denver at Minnesota				
Charlotte at Philadelphia				
Indiana at Orlando				
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City				
Cleveland at New York				
Brooklyn at Portland				
Atlanta at Portland				
Toronto at L.A. Lakers				

Monday's games				
Minnesota at Detroit				
Houston at New Orleans				
Memphis at San Antonio				
Toronto at L.A. Clippers				
Utah at Golden State				

Tuesday				
Thunder 114, Warriors 108				

Golden State				
Thunder 114, Warriors 108				
Burke 19-17-5-23, Cauley-Stein 9-9-0-0				
Russell 10-19-6-30, Poole 2-6-0-4				
Schroder 12-2-4, Chris 4-7-2-10, Bowman 2-4-0-4, Lee 2-0-7-0-5				
Golden State 114, Warriors 108				

Oklahoma City				
Thunder 114, Warriors 108				
Gallinari 6-11-5-21, Adams 6-7-13-13				
Paul 5-11-6-16, Muscala 3-9-0-9				
Bazley 3-4-0-9, Muscala 3-5-0-9				
Paul 1-3-0-2, Schroder 6-12-16, Green 4-6-0-8				
Oklahoma City 123, Golden State 114				

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Charlotte 112-4-12, Redick 13-13-22				
M.Williams 0-3-2-2, Bjornm 1-4-2-4				
Graham 5-14-10-24, Co-Martin 1-1-2-9				
Charlotte 112-4-12, Redick 13-13-22				

New Orleans				
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Three-point goals—New Orleans 14-33				
Redick 5-9, Ingram 3-4, K.Williams 3-5				
Harvey 2-3, Alexander-Walker 1-2, Moore 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Monk 1-0, Holiday 0-5				
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## Saturday's stars

■ Joe Burrow, LSU, passed for 393 yards and three TDs, and the No. 1 Tigers snapped an eight-game losing streak to No. 2 Alabama with a 46-41 victory.

■ Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin, rushed for a season-high 250 yards as the No. 16 Badgers outlasted No. 18 Iowa 24-22.

■ Jaren Williams, Miami, set a school record with six TD passes and the Hurricanes clinched bowl-eligibility with a 52-27 win over Louisville.

■ Tanner Morgan, Minnesota, passed for 339 yards and three TDs to help the 13th-ranked Gophers hold on for a 31-26 victory over No. 5 Penn State for their first win over a top-five team in 20 years.

■ Justin Fields, Ohio State, threw for three TDs and ran for another in the first half as the No. 3 Buckeyes rolled to a 73-14 win over Maryland.

■ Shane Buechele, SMU, threw five TD passes and the No. 23 Mustangs bounced back by beating East Carolina 59-51.

■ Kedon Slovis, USC, threw for 432 yards and four touchdowns to help the Trojans hold off Arizona State 31-26.

■ Kyle Trask, Florida, threw for a career-high 363 yards and three TDs and the 10th-ranked Gators rolled over Vanderbilt 56-0.

■ JoJo Binda Jr., San Diego, rushed for a career-high 227 yards in 13 carries as the Toreros rolled past Stanford 51-7.

■ Mason Gray, Robert Morris, returned two interceptions for TDs in a 41-21 over Duquesne.

■ Tommy Bryant, Kennesaw State, accounted for five TDs in a 38-35 win over Campbell.

■ Austin Simmons, South Dakota, threw four TD passes and ran for a fifth score as the Coyotes defeated Youngstown State 56-21.

■ Kenji Bahar, Mornmouth, threw five TD passes and became the Hawks' all-time TD passing leader in a 49-38 win over North Alabama.

■ Jack Cook, Dayton, threw four TD passes and ran for another as the Flyers defeated Marist 59-35.

■ JP Shohfi, Yale, caught four TD passes in a 59-35 win over Brown.

— The Associated Press



MORRIS GASH/AP

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor runs against Iowa during the second half on Saturday in Madison, Wis. Taylor rushed for a season-high 250 yards to lead Wisconsin to a 24-22 victory.

## How the AP Top 25 fared

**1** **LSU (9-0) beat No. 2 Alabama 46-41.** Joe Burrow passed for 393 yards and three touchdowns and the Tigers snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Tide, stamping himself as the Heisman Trophy front-runner.

**Next:** at Mississippi, Saturday.

**2** **Alabama (8-1) lost to No. 1 LSU 46-41.** The Crimson Tide rallied from a 33-13 halftime deficit three times to pull within a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Tua Tagovailoa launched an 85-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith (121 left), but LSU recovered the on-side kick and ran out the clock.

**Next:** at Mississippi State, Saturday.

**3** **Ohio State (9-0) beat Maryland 73-14.** Justin Fields threw for three touchdowns and ran for one in the first half and the Buckeyes hardly missed suspended defensive star Chase Young. A team that gave Ohio State headaches last season was no trouble this time, even without the fierce pass rushing of Young, who was suspended Friday while Ohio State investigates a possible NCAA violation involving a loan. J.K. Dobbins rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns as the Buckeyes built a 42-0 halftime lead.

**Next:** at Rutgers, Saturday.

**4** **Clemson (10-0) beat N.C. State 55-10.** Trevor Lawrence threw for two touchdowns and ran for one in the first quarter and Clemson rolled to North Carolina State to wrap a trip to ACC title game. By halftime, Clemson led 42-0. That first half was highlighted by 6-foot-4, 330-pound left guard Sean Simpson taking a goal-line handoff and plowing in for a 1-yard touchdown.

**Next:** vs. No. 22 Wake Forest, Saturday.

**5** **Penn State (8-1) lost to No. 13 Wisconsin 31-26.** Sean Clifford went 23-for-43 for 340 yards and one score but also threw three interceptions, the last in the end zone with 1:01 left.

**Next:** vs. Indiana, Saturday.

**6** **Georgia (8-1) beat Missouri 27-0.** Jake Fromm threw two touchdown passes to George Pickens and Georgia posted its third shutout, dominating a Missouri offense missing two of its biggest playmakers. The Bulldogs can clinch the SEC East by beating No. 12 Auburn next week.

**Next:** at No. 12 Auburn, Saturday.

**7** **Oregon (8-1) did not play.** The Ducks' steadiness was on display in their victory over USC before their bye, and they'll need it during their finish against the Arizona schools and Oregon State before a probable trip to the Pac-12 championship game.

**Next:** vs. Arizona, Saturday.

**8** **Utah (8-1) did not play.** The open weekend could not be coming at a better time for the Utes. They have injuries to deal with, primarily getting quarterback Tyler Huntley healthy for the final stretch of the regular season. Utahwill be favored in its final three games — UCLA, at Arizona and Colorado.

**Next:** vs. UCLA, Saturday.

**9** **Oklahoma (8-1) beat Iowa State 42-41.** Pennell Morley intercepted Brock Purdy's two-point conversion pass with 24 seconds left and the Sooners held off Iowa State. Cyclones coach Matt Campbell went for the victory on the two-point try after Charlie Klir caught a 13-yard touchdown pass to pull Iowa State — down 42-21 in the second half — within one.

**Next:** at No. 11 Baylor, Saturday.

**10** **Florida (8-2) beat Vanderbilt 56-0.** Kyle Trask threw for a career-high 363 yards and three touchdowns — the best passing performance by a Gators quarterback since Tim Tebow's college finale — and 10th-ranked Florida overcame a lull after start to thump the Commodores.

**Next:** at Missouri, Saturday.

**11** **Baylor (9-0) beat TCU 29-23.** Denzel Mims made a leaping 4-yard touchdown catch in the third overtime for Baylor, capping another comeback victory that kept the Bears undefeated. Charlie Brewer also threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Mims on fourth down in the second overtime to extend the game. Brewer had a 3-yard scoring run in the first overtime.

**Next:** vs. No. 9 Oklahoma, Saturday.

**12** **Auburn (7-2) did not play.** The Tigers' off week comes as they prepare for a closing stretch that includes games against No. 6 Georgia and the Iron Bowl against No. 2 Alabama.

**Next:** vs. No. 6 Georgia, Saturday.

**13** **Minnesota (9-0) beat No. 5 Penn State 31-26.** Tanner Morgan passed for 339 yards and three touchdowns to direct a dismantling of the Nittany Lions' staunch defense and Jordan Howes picked off Sean Clifford's pass in the end zone with 1:01 left to seal the Gophers' first victory over a top-five team in 20 years.

**Next:** at No. 18 Iowa, Saturday.

**14** **Michigan (7-2) did not play.** The Wolverines appear to be playing their best football of the season as they went into their open date. Michigan jumped five spots after beating Notre Dame and could continue that rise with home games left against Michigan State and No. 3 Ohio State.

**Next:** vs. Michigan State, Saturday.

**15** **Notre Dame (7-2) beat Duke 38-7.** Ian Book rushed for a career-best 139 yards and threw four touchdown passes for the Irish. Book finished 18-for-32 for 181 yards passing, Chris Finke caught touchdown passes of 18 and 6 yards, and Chase Claypool and George Takacs also had short scoring catches.

**Next:** vs. No. 25 Navy, Saturday.

**16** **Wisconsin (7-2) beat No. 18 Iowa 24-22.** Jonathan Taylor rushed for a season-high 250 yards and Danny Davis ran for a touchdown and caught a scoring pass for the Badgers. Taylor became the first running back this season to rush for more than 100 yards against Iowa.

**Next:** at Nebraska, Saturday.

**17** **Cincinnati (8-1) beat UConn 48-3.** Desmond Ridder threw for a pair of touchdowns and Michael Warren II ran for two more scores during a dominant opening half, and the Bearcats remain the only unbeaten team in American Athletic play. Cincinnati retained the inside track for the conference title by ending its recent trend of slow starts. The Bearcats led 38-0 at halftime.

**Next:** at South Florida, Saturday.

**18** **Iowa (6-3) lost to No. 16 Wisconsin 24-22.** After trailing 21-6 at the end of the third quarter, the Hawkeyes outscored the Badgers 16-3 in the fourth but couldn't come all the way back. Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley was stopped short of the goal line on a potential game-tying two-point conversion attempt with 3:12 remaining.

**Next:** vs. No. 13 Minnesota, Saturday.

**19** **Memphis (8-1) did not play.** The Tigers earned their open date after they handed SMU its first loss of the season and moved atop the American Athletic Conference's Western Division to improve their case to represent the Group of Five in the New Year's Six.

**Next:** at Houston, Saturday.

**20** **Kansas State (6-3) lost to Texas 27-24.** Cameron Dicker kicked a 26-yard field goal as time expired to the Longhorns past Kansas State and maintained their hopes of returning to the Big 12 championship game. Dicker has won games on the final play twice this season.

**Next:** vs. West Virginia, Saturday.

**21** **Boise State (8-1) beat Wyoming 20-17.** OT. Chase Cord threw for 190 yards and a touchdown, Eric Sachse kicked a 28-yard field goal in overtime and the Broncos rallied to beat Wyoming and keep their New Year's Day bowl hopes alive as the Group of 5 representative despite playing without injured starting quarterback Hank Bachmeyer.

**Next:** vs. New Mexico, Saturday.

**22** **Wake Forest (7-2) lost to Virginia Tech 36-17.** Hendon Hooker accounted for 31.1 yards of total offense and ran for a touchdown to help Virginia Tech beat Wake Forest. Jamie Newman completed 16 of 35 passes for 238 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions for the Demon Deacons.

**Next:** at No. 4 Clemson, Saturday.

**23** **SMU (9-1) beat East Carolina 59-51.** Shane Buechele threw five touchdown passes, Xavier Jones ran for 157 yards and three touchdowns and SMU bounced back from its first loss. The Mustangs played from ahead and kept it that way in a second straight game with more than 1,000 combined yards.

**Next:** at No. 25 Navy, Saturday, Nov. 23.

**24** **San Diego State (7-2) lost to Nevada 17-13.** Wide receiver Elijah Cooks threw a 50-yard pass on a trick play to set up Devonte Lee's go-ahead, 1-yard run with 10:31 to go that lifted Nevada past San Diego State.

**Next:** vs. Fresno State, Friday.

**25** **Navy (7-1) did not play.** Navy had a week off after moving into the Top 25. "The stage is set," QB Malcolm Perry said of this week's game at Notre Dame. "I don't think there's much we need to do to motivate the guys in the locker room. We'll be ready to go."

**Next:** at No. 15 Notre Dame, Saturday.

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VASHA HUNT/AP

Alabama running back Najee Harris dives for a touchdown during the second half of Saturday's 46-41 loss to LSU in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

## Tough: Uphill battle for Alabama to make playoff

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great Auburn team.

In 2016, 11-1 with a victory against LSU was good enough to get Alabama into the playoff when the next best choice was an Ohio State team that had won the Big Ten, but lost twice that season by double-digits.

Will the Tide be so fortunate this time around? There is potential for volatility around the country. In the Big 12, No. 9 Oklahoma barely escaped a second loss Saturday night in Norman against Iowa State. In the Pac-12, No. 7 Oregon and No. 8 Utah are on course for a meeting of 11-1 teams in the conference championship game, but would it be all that shocking if one or both stumbled along the way? Both those leagues could produce two losses for champions with light resumes.

That could open the door for Alabama as the team that ALMOST made the team.

Or those leagues could end up with 12-1 or maybe even 13-0 champions (hello, Baylor!) to provide the committee an alternative to a Tide team that lost the biggest game on its schedule. At home.

"We knew we're the better team," LSU linebacker Patrick Queen said. "We watched those guys on film. They're not the same as they used to be."

Or maybe the committee looks past Alabama's flimsy credentials when it comes to impressive victories and instead focuses on its dominance. The five-star-studded roster. Tagovailoa and maybe the best group of receivers in college football history. There is little doubt that in any given year, Alabama has a case to be one of the four best teams in the country. The selection committee's charge is to pick the four best teams.

How exactly that is defined is difficult to pin down. A little eye test. A little strength of schedule. Big wins. Quality of losses. Conference championships are important, unless they are not.

Reporters asked Alabama linebacker Anfernee Jennings if he was optimistic about the Tide's playoff chances.

"Hell yeah," he said.

It's good to take a positive approach, but just being 'Bama might not be enough this time.

**Row the boat:** Is P.J. Fleck for real? That question has been asked a lot since the coach who coined the catchy and slightly corny slogan "Row the Boat" became a hot item in college football while taking Western Michigan to the Cotton Bowl in 2015. Fleck is a high-energy crafter of culture. He thinks of himself as an educator and football as his platform to make the world a better place by making his players better men.

Feel free to be skeptical of Fleck's higher calling, but he is no phony. He believes in the mission and his methods. What gets lost in Fleck's persona is this: He has turned out to be a darn good football coach and program builder in three seasons at Minnesota.

The 13th-Gophers improved to 9-0 for the first time since 1904 by beating No. 5 Penn State. It was the Gophers' first victory at home against a top-five team since 1977.

"It shows the culture. It shows the character. It shows their ability to overcome, and it shows what they've learned," Fleck said.

The Gophers are still a relatively young team. That showed early this season when they needed a few great escapes to beat South Dakota State, Fresno State and Georgia Southern. Then a stretch of bad teams such as Rutgers and Maryland helped build confidence further.

Minnesota didn't get much respect from the playoff selection committee last week, coming in 17th in its first rankings. That should change significantly Tuesday. Minnesota still has important Big Ten West games against No. 18 Iowa and No. 16 Wisconsin to play. Splitting them should be enough to reach the Big Ten championship for the first time. And just getting to Indianapolis could be enough to send the Gophers to the Rose Bowl for the first time since the 1961 season.

Fleck recently signed a seven-year extension with a \$10 million buyout that will likely keep him off the market and away from Florida State and Southern California. Perhaps.

This is certain: Fleck and the Minnesota are for real.

# Burrow, LSU hold off Alabama

Top-ranked Tigers earn monumental win over nemesis No. 2 Crimson Tide

By JOHN ZENOR

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Joe Burrow sprinted toward the LSU fans to celebrate a monumental victory, and moments later was hoisted on the shoulders of two beefy teammates.

They carried him only partway across the field. The ride isn't finished for Burrow and No. 1 LSU but the quarterback's masterful performance Saturday in a 46-41 victory over nemesis and second-ranked Alabama marked a huge step toward the Tigers' championship goals.

Burrow passed for 393 yards and three touchdowns, answered challenge after challenge and helped end the eight-year string of futility that started with the national title game in January 2012. Now, their sights are set on another shot at national and Southeastern Conference championships.

LSU coach Ed Orgeron said that for the first time he told his players pre-Alabama, "You're the better team."

"We've finally got the tools that we need to beat those guys," Orgeron said. "To have a championship team, you've got to have a championship quarterback."

The Tigers (9-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference, No. 2 CFP) are no longer second fiddle in the SEC West, or maybe in the playoff rankings. And Burrow stamped himself as the Heisman Trophy front-runner with a gutsy performance when he answered every challenge from Alabama (8-1, 5-1, No. 3 CFP).

And the challenges were plentiful.

That came as no surprise to Burrow.

"I knew they were going to come back," he said. "That's Alabama on the other side, dynasty. I was really happy with the way we responded."

## No. 13 Minnesota stuns No. 5 Penn State

No. 13 Minnesota stays unbeaten vs No. 5 Penn State, 31-26

No. 13 Minnesota stays undefeated in 31-26 triumph over No. 5 Penn State for 1st top-5 win since '99

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Eds: No. 13 Minnesota 31, No. 5 Penn State 26. Updates with new lead, quotes, photos. With AP Photos.

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The progress made by Minnesota in coach P.J. Fleck's third season had been met by natural skepticism outside the long-languishing program, with even the most ardent fans in full prove-it mode for this game of unbeaten teams against Penn State.

From start to finish, the Gophers matched the moment. They took down the Nittany Lions with a narrative-altering performance.

Jordan Hoyden picked off Sean Clifford's pass in the end zone with 1:01 left, the third interception thrown by Penn State's quarterback, and 13th-ranked Minnesota held on for a 31-26 victory on Saturday afternoon for its first win over a top-five team in



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

LSU linebacker Patrick Queen, left, celebrates with Jacob Phillips after intercepting a pass in the first half of Saturday's 46-41 win over Alabama.



STACY BENOS/AP

Minnesota players hold up the Governor's Victory Bell after beating Penn State 31-26 on Saturday in Minneapolis.

20 years.

"I just so proud to be a Gopher, and I speak for our whole team when I say that," said Fleck, who declared the game ball he handed afterward to the school president for the entire state.

Tanner Morgan passed for 339 yards and three touchdowns in a dismantling of fifth-ranked Penn State's staunch defense, as Minnesota (9-0, 6-0, No. 17 CFP)

stayed on track for its first trip to the Big Ten championship game. For a program has not won the conference since a shared title in 1967, this is a whole new world.

"As an athlete and just in life," Morgan said, "you should want pressure because that means your life is significant."

The first sellout crowd for the Gophers at home in four years swarmed the field after the clock



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Celtics' Hayward breaks hand  
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# Geaux Burrow

## Alabama in tough spot after QB leads LSU to victory

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

**A**TUSCALOOSA, Ala. Alabama's DeVonta Smith was a blur, streaking past an LSU defender down the sideline for an 85-yard touchdown that gave the Tigers and their fans one last thing to be nervous about.

The Crimson Tide's final offensive play made it 46-41 with 1:21 left in the fourth quarter of a 1 vs. 2 matchup Saturday that lived up to the hype. The instant classic got no closer: LSU snapped an eight-game losing streak to Alabama behind 393 yards and three touchdowns from Heisman-hopeful quarterback Joe Burrow, putting the Tigers on the path to an SEC West cham-

pionship and their first appearance in the College Football Playoff.

There has never been a playoff without Alabama. The Crimson Tide is 5-for-5. To keep that streak going, the Tide are going to need some help — from other teams and the selection committee. That late touchdown from Tua Tagovailoa to Smith just might aid their cause, shrinking the final margin.

Barring a shocking collapse by LSU down the stretch against Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas A&M, the Tigers are going to win the SEC West and play in the conference championship game against Georgia.

The best Alabama can do is 11-1, with a victory against a good, but certainly not

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LSU QB  
Joe Burrow  
JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

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